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From Town Council... Fee Increases For Summer Camps Get Cool Reception

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

An ordinance to raise the fees charged for the town's summer camp programs and to increase the wage scale for camp and pool personnel passed the first reading at the Town Council meeting April 16th.

After downing a proposal put forth by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Recreation Director Mary Keller to up fees charged by the town's nursery school, the council gave the initial nod to a request for fee increases for a restructured summer camp program.

The new camp program will integrate the camps to meet the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Requires Two-Thirds Majority

The proposal will be up for a second and possibly a third reading at the council's May 6th meeting. As a salary ordinance, it will require a two-thirds majority vote, or eight votes.

According to Johnson, the new fee schedule would not make the camps self-sustaining, but would more accurately reflect the cost of operating the programs.

Ms. Keller said without the fee increase, the summer camp program would continue to need a subsidy of about \$50,000 from the town.

Ms. Keller questioned the past practice of subsidizing half of the cost of the summer camps when no other program run by the Recreation Department receives funding from the town. Programs that are not self-sustaining through the fees charged are dropped from the Rec Department schedule.

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At The Fishin' Hole



JOE PROVA & DAN SHEPARD enjoy a beautiful spring day at the Mawaga Sporting Club's pond off Adams Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A RECEPTION AT THE PARISH HALL followed the 50th Anniversary Mass celebrated by Springfield Bishop Thomas Dupre at St. John's Church last Sunday. From left - Judy Clow, Kathy Schafer, Father William Hamilton, Bishop Dupre, Sister Francis White, and Father Jack Sheaffer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bishop Dupre Helps St. John's Celebrate 50th Anniversary Mass

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Led by Bishop Thomas Dupre, parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, surrounded the church altar last Sunday, bowing their heads in thankful prayer for the past 50 years and raising their eyes to the future.

The occasion was a 50th Anniversary Mass celebrating the first Mass said at which was then a new church edifice for St. John's on Sunday, April 21, 1946.

Bishop Dupre, bishop of the Springfield Diocese, was the celebrant. A large number of citizens, nuns, and parishioners participated, and the public had been invited to attend.

Local priests participating were the Rev. Howard McCormick, pastor of St. John's Church; the Rev. Jack K. Schaeffer, parochial vicar of St. John's; the Rev. Kenneth Tatro, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills; the Rev. Albert Breton, pastor of St. Theresa's Church, Agawam; the Rev. Deacon James Marton and Sister Eileen Sullivan of Sacred Heart Church; and Sister Francis White of St. John's.

Master of Ceremonies was the Rev. William Hamilton, secretary to the Bishop. There were nine gift-bearers carrying offerings to the altar. They represented different aspects of the parish life.

Gifts included the bread and wine for Holy Communion; the Commitments of parishioners to the Time, Talent, and Treasure program; a scroll from the parish organizations; a monetary gift for the Immaculate Conception Church, West Spr-

ingfield (the parent church to St. John's when it was a mission church); and flowers carried by children representatives of religious education classes.

Mary & Bernard Tatro represented the 45 to 50 parishioners among those attending the first Mass in 1946, and have continuously supported the church since.

Charles Maniscalchi, church music director, played the organ and had as guests Amy Wisniewski (flutist) and Kevin Tampone (trombonist). Vocal selections were rendered by the choir, and Sister Frances White was the soloist.

Among the many parishioners participating were altar servers, ushers, greeters, and readers.

There was reserved seating indicated by large white bows on the pews for the earliest parishioners of the church who still attend. Among them and present was Jack Bodurtha of Harvey Johnson Drive, whose grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. John Kane, sold the property at 823 Main Street to the Agawam Catholic Women's Club for the erection of a church.

In his homily, Bishop Dupre made comparisons between the emotions and lessons of the first Easter and the first Mass on Easter Sunday 1946, and the current celebration.

Outlining History Of The Church...

He outlined the history of St. John's Church, starting with the fact that Catholics in this area

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belonged to Immaculate Conception Church, West Springfield. In 1939, the West Springfield pastor, the Rev. John O'Connell, agreed to have Mass said once a week in Agawam on Sunday. The mission church met in ensuing years at the old Town Hall, First Congregational Church, and at Riverside Park's Bowling Alley.

The land for a church was purchased in 1939. Ground was broken in 1945. The first Mass in the church was in April 1946, and the church was dedicated and the Rev. John Shannon was assigned as pastor in the fall of 1946.

"The dedication was when the church was named for the author of the fourth gospel," the Bishop said.

He praised the hard work, faith, and foresight of the early parishioners, whom he said struggled through the Depression and World War II. He praised them for their faith and for passing it to their children. "They have left their mark on the parish and on this town," he said.

Noting that the Easter observance is 50 days ("as a lesser time is not enough"), he said, "We are given this extended time to wonder and rejoice at God's great love for us."

Citing the Easter readings of the day, he said, "It is a time to rejoice and celebrate the Easter gifts, not only for Easter but all the days of our lives."

"This is the message brought to you in Agawam by our forebears in the faith," the Bishop continued. "This sustained them and caused them to build lives, families, and community, and excited them to have a church of their own."

"We are excited about these people who went before us, but we live in the present and look to the future," the Bishop said. "So we honor and memorialize them by living that same faith, by sharing it with our children and generations yet to be born."

He concluded by saying that "truly in this way we offer honor to those who built, supported, sustained, renovated, and enlarged this church, and who considered the passing on of their faith as their greatest achievement."



50-YEAR MEMBERS of St. John's Church in Agawam Center pictured after the 50th Anniversary Mass last Sunday. From left - Jim Fenton, Phil Fenton, Lucille Harpin, Edna LaFleur, Jack Bodurtha, Frank Chriscola, and Rita Moore. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The church last Sunday was simple and beautiful, decorated with yellow and white flowers (primarily yellow chrysanthemums) in gold-colored containers. The golden theme was continued at a reception after the Mass in the Social Center. Everyone was invited to chat with the Bishop, socialize, and enjoy refreshments.

Fiftieth Anniversary Committee members Kathleen Schafer and Judith Clow were in charge of arranging the Anniversary Mass. The reception was co-hosted by the Women's Guild of the church and the Catholic Women's Club.

Several events are being planned for the anniversary observance to be climaxed with a ban-

quet on October 6th at Chez Josef.

While many people are working on the various aspects of the observance, the 50th Anniversary Committee consists of Church Council Chairman David Lidizki, Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, Sasha Zebryk, and Paul Schafer.

In St. John's weekly bulletin, Father McCormick wrote: "For all that God has given us during these first 50 years, especially the quality of parishioners who have witnessed their faith with such vitality, we give thanks to the Lord. For all that the Lord has in store for us as a faith community for the next 50 years, we too give thanks to the Lord. Indeed, let us rejoice and be glad!"

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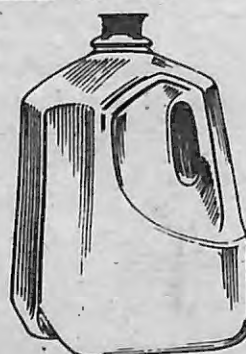
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“Mock Accident” Student Says Thanks For Support

To The Editor:

On April 11th, Agawam High School students Adrienne O'Quinn, Matt Gordon, Danielle LaBarre, Jason Jean, Laura Beauchemin, Charlie Roberts, and myself acted out five “mock drunk-driving accidents” with the intention of eliminating any drinking and driving situations on Prom Night.

It was a very serious and somber day for those involved, as well as for many that witnessed one of their friends acting in the production.

This event would not have been possible if it were not for numerous people that worked together to assemble it.

Many thanks are due to Sergeant Steven Draghetti and the Agawam Police Department, the Agawam Fire Department, and the Agawam Emergency Medical Service Department for their “hands-on” assistance in our treatment (as well as cracking the occasional joke to make the day more tolerable).

Thank you to College Formals for the donation of three tuxedos and three gowns that were put through torture and will remain at the Police Headquarters for future use.

Finally, a special note of thanks to Agawam High School faculty members Jack Dougherty and Linda Sasso for their assistance. Throughout the day, the same sentiments were echoed by all of us involved in the “accidents.”

If we prevented just one person from drinking and driving; if we saved just one person's life, then we did our job.

The Prom was held on April 17th, and not one casualty was recorded. It is great to see yet another one of Agawam High School's positive activities doing some good.

Sincerely,
Jason M. Reed
Feeding Hills

Message Being Sent That Agawam Is Anti-Business

To The Editor:

As a longtime resident and taxpayer in the Town of Agawam, I feel compelled to comment on an issue that has the potential to affect all taxpayers and property owners in our town.

All of the recent activity with regards to Berkshire Power, Fisher Scientific, Responsive Trucking, etc. is, in my opinion, sending a message to the business and investment communities that Agawam is unreceptive and hostile to both new business and existing business expansion.

Clearly this is a message that we do not want to convey. Without a strong industrial, commercial, and residential tax base, our residential tax rate can only increase as the increasing cost for town services is shifted to the residential homeowner.

We need commercial and industrial investment and development in Agawam and such development, properly regulated, can effectively serve the

Commentary...

Some “Don'ts” For Town Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Mark Twain was right: Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits.

Need some examples? Look no further than the last Town Council meeting.

It's generally acknowledged around town that some sense of decorum is returning to Citizen Speak Time.

It would be nice if the council deserved such consideration; it would be nicer still if the council gave such consideration to the people who elected them to act as their legislative proxies.

Councillors should not be on stage to create a sideshow atmosphere while making as much political hay as possible out of issues that warrant the serious attention of informed, thoughtful community representatives.

Some suggestions for reforming old habits:
•Don't bring old grudges to the table. This is especially poor form when the grudge just doesn't fit. “Last minute.” “11th hour.”

public good by providing the revenue necessary to continue those services we have come to expect.

I would suggest that all citizens keep an open mind with regards to development in Agawam and not lose sight of the forest because of the trees. This is an important issue which deserves our full attention.

Sincerely,
Ronald LaRiviere
Feeding Hills

Parks Department Is Criticized For Camp Rainbow Issue

To The Editor:

I must agree wholeheartedly with the closing statement made by Councilor Kent Servis regarding the integrated program and the fee increase at Perry Lane Camp. It's too bad that the council meeting ended so late because Councilor Servis hit the nail on the head and I hope he sticks to what he said.

Ms. Keller indicated that it took her four years to fully integrate a camp in Simsbury — *four years*. But yet, after the *first few months* of employment in Agawam, she proposes a fully integrated program and a fee increase.

I would like to address three issues: integration, fee increase, and transportation.

First, for the integration of the handicap children with the non-handicap children. I feel that this will not be a safe situation for any child. The handicap need special attention and absolutely deserve it. If most of this attention is directed toward these children, then what type of supervision will the other children get? As far as I know, Camp Rainbow is a very successful program. Why change it? Is it perhaps a money situation, which brings me to the second issue.

According to what Ms. Keller said at the last council meeting, she mentioned that the non-subsidized cost per handicap child is approximately \$800. The non-subsidized cost for the non-handicap child is approximately \$400. She mentioned that with the subsidy, a handicap child pays \$150 for the summer with transportation. A non-handicap child pays \$300 for the summer with transportation, or \$200 without transportation.

Why do the non-handicap children pay more

So, just how much time do you guys need to decide if nursery school teachers should get a raise and if parents should foot the bill for summer camp?

•Don't waste everyone's time asking questions that could be answered by merely reading the backup information. It makes you look unprepared.

•Don't repeat the same thing more than say ... seven or eight times.

•Don't ask your department heads if they live in town. There should be a cogent point of information being sought by a councilor's questions.

•Don't leave the meeting without excusing yourself. It's hard enough for the folks at home to keep track of what's going on.

•Don't all talk at once. It just doesn't look very professional to be gavelled into a recess so that order can be restored.

And one final “don't.”

•Don't make me add to this list.

when the cost per handicap child is *twice* as much? It seems to me that Ms. Keller is making this proposal by integrating these children to average out the cost and making all parents pay for it. I think it is unfair that the cost to send my child to this camp with the proposed increase would cost me \$120 more.

The third issue is the bus transportation. Ms. Keller mentioned that approximately 20 children a day use the bus and that they will be canceling the bus transportation if there aren't enough children who will use it this year. How many children will it take to be enough?

First of all, I pay \$100 to have my child take the bus because my hours at work do not allow me to be able to bring my child nor pick her up. What will the working parents do if the transportation is canceled? However, I did have to pick up my child once, and I couldn't believe the traffic and how

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Agawam/F. Hills' AARP meeting
At Agawam Senior Ctr. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1st
Agawam Community Artists' meeting
Captain Leonard House - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 3rd
Performance by Senior Bell Choir of
Branford, CT (“First Friday Series”
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At Agawam Public Library - 7:30 p.m.
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Saturday, May 4th
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congested it was in that small parking lot.

From what I know, there are two buses running, one for Feeding Hills children and one for Agawam children. Why can't we use one bus and cut the cost? How much more money will it take to keep the buses running for these children? I will not be able to send my child this year if the buses are not running.

With all three topics, money is the biggest issue and the children are caught in the middle. Why can't we leave the camps the way they are? The children are satisfied and the parents are satisfied.

I understand that change is difficult, but change should not have such a negative effect on all parties involved. If there isn't enough money to run either program, then each program should be assessed separately and adjusted accordingly.

I don't feel that integrating these children, at the cost of their well-being and safety, will solve the cash flow problem. I am definitely against all of what Ms. Keller is proposing.

Laurie Littlefield
Feeding Hills

Resident Says Many Problems Plague Agawam High School

To The Editor:

I am writing to you with a few ideas as a parent, citizen, and educator relating to solving some of the most significant problems at the Agawam High School.

The most significant problem, based upon my personal experience, is unsafe schools. Agawam High is burdened with issues of threats, harassment, intimidation, assaults, and substance abuse. Because of these problems, I removed my daughter, a sophomore, from the school in January. The school and administrators tolerated an atmosphere of fear and terror which negatively impacted my daughter's education.

Any way you look at this issue, these behaviors are all related to each other, to one degree or another. Your recent decision regarding the placement of a police officer at the high school is only a beginning step in creating a safe school where effective learning can take place. It was my experience to find many overcrowded classes. However, this fact alone does not condone the fact that certain teachers allow and accept unac-

ceptable behavior in their classrooms.

As such, the learning environment in those classes is negative and thus ineffective. The reason for their acceptance and tolerance is unclear to me. I can tell you, however, the consequences of their choice (in my view) is tantamount to educational abuse and neglect. The educational outcomes for the students of Agawam, and the property values of businesses and homeowners in this city need to be insured. Perhaps you will consider a few of my suggestions taking decisive and progressive steps forward to create a positive future of this city.

I have a few suggestions. They may seem simple and some may seem harsh to you. However, under Educational Reform and Safe School Initiatives this city and its educational administrators have every legal right to assert themselves in this manner.

1. Zero tolerance for threats and intimidation and violence. In all cases of threats and/or intimidation, students should be sent home for parent. The student cannot return until they can be accompanied by a parent. When the student and parent come to school, they should be required to watch a videotape on the discipline policy in this matter.

Upon completion of the viewing, the parties should be required to sign a written agreement stating that the student and his/her parent agree to cease and desist from this type of behavior during the course of the school day (which includes the time from which the student leaves their home in the morning to the time they arrive home in the afternoon).

Severe consequences should be outlined for violation of this agreement. These should include, but not be limited to, restitution to the victim(s), community service to the school after academic hours, double after school detention, and suspension and/or expulsion for repeated behavior of the same nature. There should also be mandatory assignment to the peer mediation team and/or in school or independent counseling.

It would be necessary at this time for the parent to sign a permission form for his/her child to be referred for these services. This "NIPS this behavior in the bud!" Parents should be informed that failure to comply with this request limits administrators' responses to more severe disciplinary measures for a repeated offense.

Additionally, the focus of counseling and mediation should be to invoke sensitivity towards the victim and increase student's responsibility for themselves and as a member of the school

"community."

2. Counseling should be provided immediately for victims of threats, intimidation, and violence. Student victims should be assigned peer and faculty advocates with whom they can check with at least twice daily to inform them of their emotional and physical situation.

It is the case at the high school, that the students, and the bureaucratic administration, create an environment in which the "victims are villanized." This adds further insult to injury. To ignore the victim and to challenge this individual to become more assertive, or to just get over it, is to shortchange the person and creates an environment of hopelessness and despair.

3. Zero tolerance for substance abuse and weapons. Any student found in possession of or using substances or weapons on school grounds should be immediately expelled.

4. Students should be allowed, at least twice a year, to evaluate their teachers regarding the learning conditions in their classrooms. They should be able to anonymously report conditions in their classrooms which aren't conducive to learning. They should not be allowed to criticize teaching content and curriculum. However, they should be able to comment on what they feel is necessary for their continued positive educational growth.

5. Implementation of Character Development Curriculum. The City of Worcester implements this citywide for ALL its city departments, including the schools. Each month one element of character development is focused on in the schools.

Although each subsequent month highlights a new skill which is a necessary life skill, the skill from the former month is still visible and expected. Awards are given out to students who exhibit examples of such behavior. This allows even the students who are not "brilliant" or "athletically-gifted" to be acknowledged.

Examples of these themes are sharing, honesty, etc. I am sure that if this is of interest to you, the Mayor of the City of Worcester would be more than willing to share this project with you. The City of Worcester also has a "web-site" on the Internet, from which you may be able to access this information.

6. Parental Responsibility and Involvement. It appears to me that the high school has a lack of this. However, just because it doesn't occur, does not mean it should not be expected. At each and

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every turn, regarding circumstances of less than desirable behavior or academic progress, it should be a required policy of the high school to require the presence of a parent.

The message should be clear and consistent. This is important. This is a partnership. We need you to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. To not give out notices for parents of the high school students, simply because the administrator feels that they will just litter the halls with them, gives students and parents the wrong message! If you expect little, you get little.

I support going back to distributing the notices. These same students were required to bring home notices for nine previous years of school prior to entering the high school. During a time in their lives where they assume more individual responsibilities as people and employees, the school begins to expect less from them just doesn't make sense! I support parent information distribution at the high school.

I also feel that to strengthen this message and expectation, that the high school requires a lighted street sign, identifying the school, and where parent notices and/or student events can be posted. After all, a lot of traffic passes by that building each day. It is an inexpensive form of advertising and the students will also know that one way or another, the parents will be getting the information.

7. Overall, I believe that teacher and student expectation for what students can do, will do, and are expected to do needs to become clearer and more directed. With educational reform, which Agawam has been slow to act on, the students' needs and outcomes are changing. I have had direct involvement with a program that could significantly improve curriculum, instruction, and expectations. This program is known as Research for Better Teaching. I will not take space to explain the program in this letter, but I will provide you with the address so that you can look into what this approach has to offer the Agawam School System. The address is: Research for Better Teaching, 56 Bellows Hill Road, Carlisle, MA 01741.

In ending, I hope that I have been of assistance to you in matters which I believe to be important and significant for the success of the Agawam School System. I have two sons who are still in the system. I hope to see movement from you in a positive direction relative to these matters for their sakes, the future of the school system, and the future of the city.

If not, I am certain that my home will be up for sale and that my family will be searching for another community in which to live. I think it would be wise and prudent for the council to discuss these matters, inform the faculty, students, and parents of the city about some of these issues and resolutions, and elicit their input and feedback.

Sincerely,
Anne Marie Rooney
Agawam

Actions Of Council Scored By "Irate" Citizen

To The Editor:

To The Agawam Town Council:

I am submitting this letter to the Town Council in protest to some of its actions by members of the previous council and members of this council.

Trust And Respect

You must earn Trust before you can expect Respect. On November 20, 1995, the council president allowed a Special Emergency Meeting to take place that was called for by the Mayor. It was a violation of the Open Meeting Law that requires 48 hours notice.

It wasn't even an emergency and had no "Emergency Preamble" attached. If it was an Emergency Meeting, it would have required an Emergency Preamble and have to have had an affirmative two-thirds vote of the council.

The meeting was held in spite of protest by some councilors. The meeting was held in violation of Massachusetts Constitution Article XXX. Interference with the legislative branch of government. When a councilor challenged the chair several times, the president didn't even know what he was talking about and remarked so noted.

At the March 6th meeting, a vote was taken on a Tree Belt Ordinance. The ordinance was amended and voted on at the previous meeting. The amendment now changed the main motion to include the amendment. At the third and final vote on the motion as amended, it did not get the required two-thirds vote as required and was defeated in its entirety.

I now read that part of the motion passed and the other part didn't. What kind of chicanery is this? Anyone who has ever read *Robert's Rules of Order* knows that once a motion is amended, it is all one and the same and the amendment no longer exists. Try defending this one in court. (See dictionary definition below.)

I urge you, the council, to get your act together and call a workshop to review the Charter, the Council Rules, *Robert's Rules of Order*, and parliamentary procedure that this council is supposed to abide by.

The council president is supposed to be the parliamentarian, not the Town Attorney. To some of you councilors, cut out your games and go by the book if you ever expect to gain public TRUST and RESPECT.

To the other councilors, don't sit back and allow these infractions to continue. You were elected to uphold the laws and the Charter and we, the public, expect you to do so.

Peter Longo
An Irate Citizen And Taxpayer
Agawam

Definition: *Amendment*: The act of amending; correction; improvement; alteration of a motion, bill, constitution, etc., in due parliamentary or legislative form; also that which is substituted or added in such alteration.

Don't Complain About Bondi's Island Until You've Been There

To The Editor:

I have often wondered how the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Bondi's Island operated, and was very happy to see the advertisement in your newspaper about the open house on Earth Day, Saturday, April 20th. Up until now, tours were only offered to schools and special interest groups.

The staff met us at the door, and our tour was extremely interesting. It's amazing how 40 million gallons of wastewater flowing through the plant each day (from the neighboring communities) is recycled and used again. The plant was extremely clean, and the grounds well-maintained.

Dan Yorke on his talk show Friday did a terrific job of getting the word out about the open house, and the great turnout of people proved that the public is interested.

My family and I were greatly impressed, and we thank everyone at Bondi's Island for the tour, for answering all questions, and for the professional manner in which they conducted themselves.

Sincerely,
Susan P. Meunier
Feeding Hills

"In Lieu Of Tax" Payments Not A Good Policy For Town

To The Editor:

There is a game in town called PROGRESS, and it plays like this:

SQUARE 1: Diversify the property tax base in order to relieve the burden on homeowners. Good move, advance to SQUARE 2.

SQUARE 2: Attract industry to town in order to diversify the property tax base. Good move, advance to SQUARE 3.

SQUARE 3: Offer "In lieu of tax deals" in order to attract industry to town. Bad move, go back to SQUARE 1.

Bad move because "In lieu of tax" payments do not diversify the property tax base. Instead, the payments go to a discretionary fund.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who gets to spend the money in the "In lieu of tax" discretionary fund, and will that money be spent wisely?

2. Who gets to make "In lieu of tax" deals, and will that person play favorites?

3. Do we want to give "In lieu of tax" bargaining power to elected officials whose faces can change every two years?

4. If "In lieu of tax" payments default, how does the town get reimbursed?

Don Hazen
Feeding Hills

Petition Filed For Council To Hold Public Hearing

To The Editor:

We the people have filed a Petition to call a public hearing. The signatures were certified by the Election Commission. We also filed, as the law requires, that the meeting be conducted under Rule No. 38. This rule was established for exactly this type of case.

Strange - why did Council President Thompson ask Town Attorney Thomas Locke to render an opinion on the substance of the reasons for the call of the public meeting? Attorney Locke's rendition of what may happen if the meeting is held is absolutely dangerous and improper. In fact, it is ridiculous. That's why the meeting must be run by Rule No. 38. Remember, Locke's letter implies we may be the criminals.

President Thompson asked the city attorney for that opinion without the permission of the council.

Did the Mayor play a hand? How dare he make an opinion, as he did when he does not know, and the council does now know, what the issue is all about. Why has Thompson become so defensive before any charges have been made? Doesn't she want the air cleared?

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LETTERS - from Page 6...

The petition simply requests the meeting - "for the purpose of determining 'IF'", quote, "the misuse of public funds has been allowed." So you see how superfluous Attorney Locke's and Council President Thompson's decisions make no sense.

No charges have been made - yet - Councillors. Your president has acted so defensively. WHY? Why are you attempting to defend the culprits - if ANY? Why does Attorney Locke make a decision for the defense of the criminals, if any, rather than help find the criminals - if any? Isn't the issue to investigate to find if there is any wrongdoing, if there is a crime? The meeting must be held to determine if the peoples' concerns are real.

Doesn't it become clear for the need for Rule No. 38 which the law requires? **That is to hire, by the Council, an attorney to do the investigating.** If there is wrongdoing, don't we, the people, have the right to know? Don't you, the council, want to know the truth? Isn't that what the issue is all about? Are you afraid that we, the people, may have a case?

In any case, we, by the law, have put the case in the hands of the DA's office, but the law requires that we, the people, must make the first effort to clear the air through the council's efforts.

Again, if you read the petitions' caption which simple states to determine, quote, "if there is a misuse of funds allowed by the council and the

administration." That is why the law stipulates that the town's attorney must vacate themselves from the case. The council president knows the rules (or does she?), and the reason is that the town attorney will be or may be placed in a conflict or prejudicial position. This is a typical example of why a special outside attorney must be hired by the council.

Thompson ignored the law - Council Rule No. 38. Why did she ignore the legal process? The town attorney should have explained the true process and not mislead the council with scare tactics.

Is she defending someone? Is she in fear that we, the people, have a case? For the record, the audacity of the councilor who often displays that trait, must be put in his place because his statement at last meeting that the petition was three years-old. Why call him a liar when there are words more befitting? Myself and others stood at the Post Office door for several days and received the bulk of our signatures, some 200, were received just before the cold weather in late 1995.

NOTE: We, the people, filed our case with the DA's office - and they suggested that we go to the Town Council first, so we did. That was the reason for the late filing.

So you see how big and stupid when your councilor said the signatures were three years-old. Does he have something to hide?

**Wally Moreno
Agawam**

SUMMER FEES - from Page 1...

The plan to offer a camp program mainstreaming disabled youngsters came under fire from parents who raised concerns about medical, safety, and behavioral issues. Also, some parents were upset that they hadn't been given an opportunity to express their ideas and concerns during the planning stages of the plan to integrate the camps.

Children who had been served by Camp Rainbow would be integrated into a camp for ages 6-12 at Perry Lane Park, a Pre-School Playtime Program at Robinson Park School, and a Teen Camp (ages 13 and up) at Robinson Park School.

Still in The Planning Stage

Ms. Keller said the public hadn't been notified because some of the questions relating to the integration plan hadn't been answered and plans were still being made for a reasonable accommodation for the needs of the children at camp.

Several Town Councillors said they had concerns over the issues surrounding the integration of the summer camps and some complained that the issue was "dumped" in their laps at the "11th hour."

However, after a lengthy and heated debate, and a recess for tempers to cool and order to be restored, the councillors agreed to approve the first reading so that the timetable for advertising the camps and arranging for the children's immunization records to be checked would not be disrupted.

Voting in favor of the first reading were Council President Nancy Thompson and Councillors Gary Suffriti, David Skolnick, Kent Servis, Jill Simpson, Edward Caba, George Blitzas, and Christian Quatrone.

The sole dissenter was Joseph Langone. Councilor Dennis Perry was absent and Councilor Thomas Ennis left the meeting before the vote was taken.

Council To Vote On Storage License For Plant Expansion

**by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor**

The plan to build a new 163,000 square foot warehouse in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park cleared its first hurdle last week.

The Planning Board gave its unanimous approval for the site plan being proposed by School Specialty, Inc. to create a northeast regional distribution center on Almgren Drive.

School Specialty, Inc., a national school supply company based in Wisconsin, will consolidate their Agawam facility (formerly known as New England School Supply) and a Maryland facility in the new warehouse and distribution center.

The company has chosen a 15-acre site for the new facility that is expected to distribute school supplies throughout New England.

Existing Jobs Will Be Retained

All 47 existing jobs at the company's present Silver Street location will be retained and approximately 40 new jobs will be created when the new facility opens.

In a memo sent to Town Council April 18th, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the company's expansion plans are on a tight time schedule based on the leases for their current facility.

The company plans to begin construction in early May. The new structure must be enclosed by August and fully operational by next January, Johnson said.

In addition to the review by the Planning Board, the project will be scrutinized by the Conservation Commission and the Town Council.

Town Council will be asked to approve a license for the storage of flammable/combustible liquids including rubber cement and duplicator fluid. A license to store the chemicals was approved for the current facility in 1985.

The new license application will appear for the first time on the council's May 6th agenda, with the suggestion that a public hearing be held at the May 20th council meeting.



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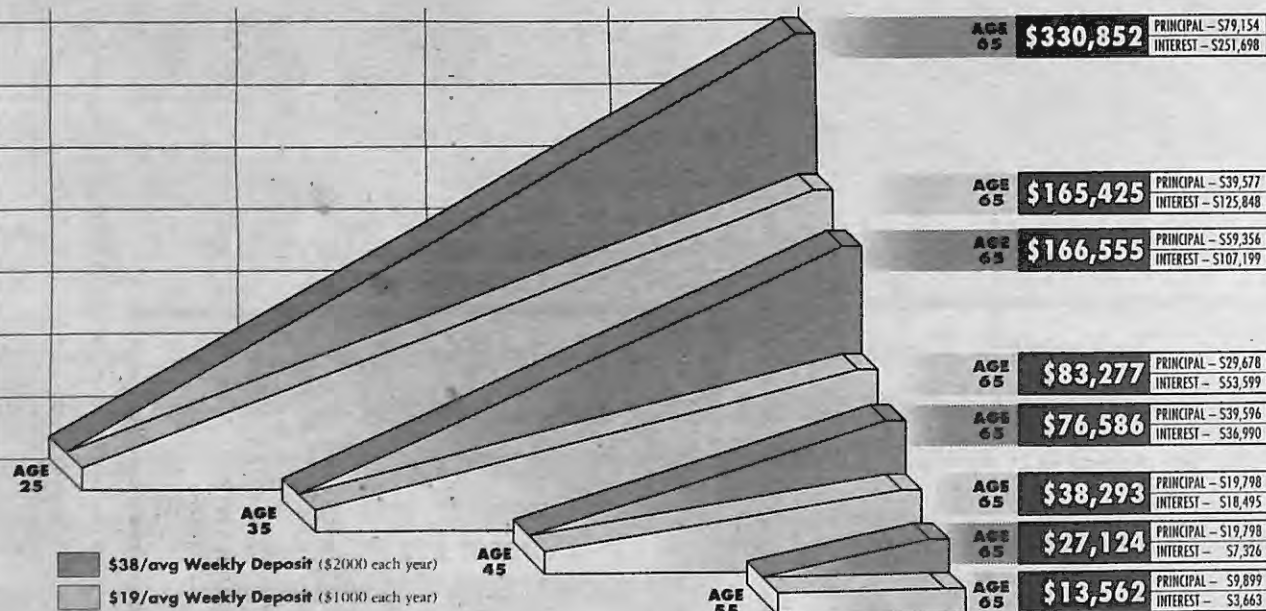
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Cavanaugh House Destroyed By Fire



FLAMES FANNED BY HIGH WINDS last Friday destroyed the wood frame farmhouse of Charles Cavanaugh of 65 South Street, Agawam. Cavanaugh is one of the last potato growers in the community. Firefighters responded to the fire at the two-story home at 3:14 p.m. The house was completely engulfed when firefighters arrived. The fire broke through the roof, causing it to collapse. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Public Invited To "Agawam Gateways"

The Agawam Office of Planning and Community Development and the Agawam Beautification Committee cordially invites you to attend a presentation of "Agawam Gateways."

Agawam has retained the services of Associate Professor Jack Ahern from the University of Massachusetts Department of Landscape Architecture and two of his students to design three critical entrances into Agawam.

The locations are Springfield Street at the Morgan Sullivan Bridge, South Main Street and the State Line, and the South End Bridge Rotary. Using natural elements, walks, and new signage, Professor Ahern and his students have transformed the experience of entering the community from one of pavement and utility wires to an attractive sense of entering a new place.

On April 30, 1996, at 9:30 a.m., a presentation of the "Agawam Gateways" will take place at the Agawam Police Station in the Faolin Peirce Community Room. Business and property owners, as well as interested residents, are encouraged to attend to ask questions. The presentation should last approximately one hour.

For additional information, please contact Deborah Dachos, at 786-0400, ext. 283.

1996's 1st Quarter Report At Westbank

Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer of Westbank Corporation (NASDAQ:WBKQ), reported net income of \$564,000 or \$0.17 per share for the first quarter of 1996 compared to \$855,000 or \$0.26 per share for the first quarter of 1995. Earnings for the first quarter of 1995 included a tax benefit totaling \$400,000 which represented \$0.12 per share.

According to Mr. Chase, "Net interest income improved by \$41,000 despite the volatility of interest rates during the first quarter."

As of March 31, 1996, net loans totaled \$191.4 million and investments totaled \$36.2 million. The allowance for loan and lease losses totaled \$3.9 million or 2 percent of total loans. The provision for loan losses totaled \$140,000 and loan recoveries amounted to \$293,000 during the first quarter. Non-performing assets totaled \$6.7 million or 2.5 percent of total assets.

Assets totaled \$261.2 million, an increase of \$13.4 million or 5 percent compared to March 31, 1995, while deposits increased by \$11.1 million for the same period. The Corporation's capital totaled \$18.0 million, representing a capital ratio of 6.9 percent on March 31, 1996.

On April 8, 1996, Park West Bank and Trust Company opened its third supermarket branch. "The supermarket operations have been very rewarding to date, with new deposits generated at our supermarket branches totaling more than \$6 million, far surpassing our initial goals," Chase said.

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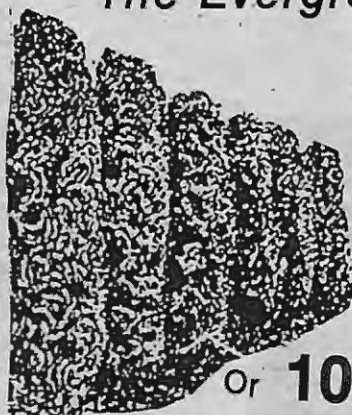
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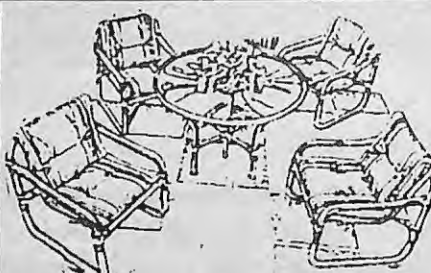
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Fee Increases For Town Nursery School Refused By Town Council Vote

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Despite a strong recommendation for approval from the Town Council's Ordinance Committee, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson's plan to raise tuition at the town-run nursery school and to use the tuition increase to pay for pay raises for the staff went down in flames at the April 16th meeting of the Town Council.

After the meeting, Council President Nancy Thompson said she apologized to Recreation Director Mary Keller for the "abominable behavior" of some councilors in their questioning of Ms. Keller on the details of the plan to increase tuition at the town's nursery school and the plan to restructure the summer camp program.

Ms. Thompson said she would like to have the ordinance come before the council again in time for the fee schedule to be upped for September 1996.

"This was absolutely a reasonable request and should have been voted in on its merits," Ms. Thompson said.

Ms. Thompson refuted the complaints of some councilors that the tuition request came before them at the last minute (with a deadline pressuring the council to act).

"This was not last minute," Ms. Thompson said. "We had the information three weeks ahead and in all correspondence, the Mayor asks that we call with any questions. The only councilors who called were myself and Councilor Jill Simpson."

Three Votes Short

The proposal fell three votes short, with the council deadlocking at 5-5 and one absent. As a salary ordinance, the measure needed a two-thirds majority, or eight votes, to win approval.

Councilors voting in favor were Ms. Thompson, George Bitzas, Christian Quatrone, Mrs. Simpson, and David Skolnick.

Voting against were Councilors Gary Suffriti, Edward Caba, Thomas Ennis, Joseph Langone,

and Kent Servis. Councilor Dennis Perry was absent.

After meeting with Recreation Director Mary Keller, Ordinance Committee Chairman Christian Quatrone and Mrs. Simpson urged the full council to approve a \$10 monthly increase for both the two-day and three-day programs at the Perry Lane Nursery School.

The proposed tuition increase would have been used to cover the cost of materials and supplies, as well as teacher salary increases.

The salary increases being requested by Ms. Keller and Johnson would have boosted the salary of the head teacher by 35 cents per hour in July 1996 and 36 cents per hour in July 1997.

For the assistant teacher, the increase would have been 24 cents per hour for 1996 and 25 cents per hour in 1997. The school aide would have received increases of 22 cents and 23 cents per hour over the two years.

Currently, the head teacher is paid \$10.03 per hour; the assistant teacher is paid \$6.85 per hour; and the school aide is paid \$6.33 per hour.

Reasonable Request

Pointing out that cereal costs \$3.25 a box, Skolnick said, "Those people have to live, too. We should give them their meager raise."

Mrs. Simpson agreed. "They're not asking for the moon and stars."

Mrs. Simpson said the pay raises were needed to attract qualified professionals who provide their young students with the foundation for learning later on in life.

Suffriti objected to comparing the rates charged by other nursery school programs to justify increasing fees in Agawam and said he would not support a fee increase.

Ennis said he was concerned that parents might not be able to afford the higher tuition, and Caba called the increase "a little high."

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Defendants

This cause came on to be heard upon complaint of Plaintiffs, Robert B. and Anne M. Fruwirth, praying that title to land located on Fruwirth Avenue, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and more specifically described in a deed recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 29a65, Page 159, is held by said plaintiffs free and clear of any mortgage and all claims, rights and title of any defendant or person claiming under the defendants and further praying for an order of notice and thereupon in consideration thereof it is Ordered and Adjudged that an order of notice issue to the defendant, Mary H. Bidwell f/k/a Mary Hatmaker, her heirs, devisees or legal representatives of parts unknown and to any other person claiming interest in the land described in the complaint, by publishing an attested copy of this notice once each week for three consecutive weeks in *The Agawam Advertiser-News*, a newspaper published in Agawam, Massachusetts, the last publication at least 14 days before Tuesday 5/21/96 and that the said defendants do cause their written answers or other lawful pleadings to be filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court of Springfield in said County of Hampden on or before the said 21st day of May next.

If you, all the defendants, fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13 (a) your answers must state as a counterclaim any claim you have against the plaintiffs, Robert B. and Anne M. Fruwirth, and which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

MARIE G. MAZZA, CLERK-MAGISTRATE
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Welfare Reform One Year Later: How Is It Doing?

After years of research, compromise, and debate, the Massachusetts Welfare Reform Act, passed in February 1995, formally went into effect last November. One of the most comprehensive and meaningful reform plans in the nation, the new law is designed to once again make welfare a transitional safety net rather than a way of life.

What has been the impact? Under the Welfare Reform Act, all able-bodied men and women receiving welfare assistance are required to either work, perform community service, or participate in an education or training program for 20 hours/week.

So far, more than 3,000 of the over 10,000 people required to go to work are working. Another 1,200 are performing 20 hours of community service weekly. Gradually, welfare recipients are moving more and more into the workforce or learning the skills essential to becoming self-sufficient.

Other positive signals are apparent. According to the Department of Transitional Assistance, the number of Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) cases has dropped 15 percent, from 102,000 when Welfare Reform was passed in February 1995, to 87,000 today.

Again, this is only a beginning, but in one year, the evidence strongly suggests people are moving off of welfare and into work.

As a result of my legislative efforts, a pilot program began last week in two Massachusetts cities, Springfield and Lawrence, requiring facial and finger imaging of welfare recipients. The state-of-the-art program, using one of the most technologically advanced systems available, is designed to prevent fraud and abuse.

If an individual is convicted of welfare fraud one time, he or she will be banned from the welfare program permanently. If the finger and facial imaging pilot program is successful, it likely will expand statewide.

What does all of this tell you? All judgments on Massachusetts welfare reform are premature. However, initial indications point to a positive pattern in making welfare a transitional assistance safety net.

Five months is not long enough for all parts of the Welfare Reform Act to be implemented or examined. Welfare was a system in failure, and the Commonwealth has tried to steady it and bring it back to its original purpose.

We have an obligation to help people transform their lives through short-term, transitional assistance, not live their lives on it.

Customers Appreciated At FH Post Office



CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY was held at the Feeding Hills Post Office on Tuesday, April 16th, the last day for filing state and federal income taxes for state residents. Postal Clerk Doreen Gallagher handed out small bags of chocolate coins to customers, including Tom Drzal, owner of Preferred Payroll Plus in Feeding Hills Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Meeting Slated For Agawam's Rules And Regulations Committee

There will be a meeting of the rules and regulations committee on Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Agawam Police Headquarters.

The items of agenda will be "Citizen's Speak Time" and "Budget Review Process."

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on **THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1996, at 6:30 P.M.** for all parties interested in the appeal of **BERNARD H. WALSH** who is seeking relief from

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Zoning Review Comm. To Meet This Thursday

There will be a meeting of the Zoning Review Committee on Thursday, April 25, 1996, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library Community Room.

The item of agenda will be an "Organizational Meeting."

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jill P. Simpson, Chairperson, at 786-0053.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Section 180-26, Paragraph A(1) of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of an addition, with less than the required sideyard at the premises identified as 46 RHODES AVENUE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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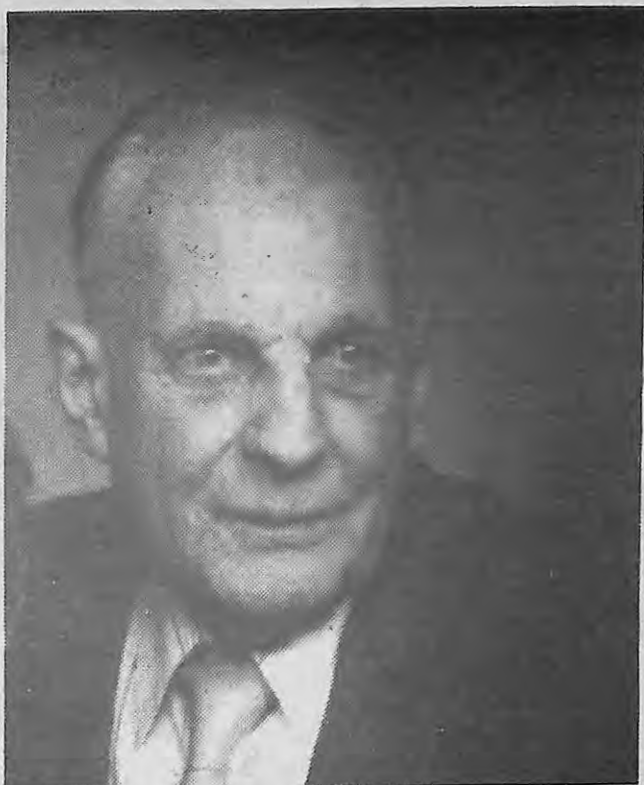
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Agawam Obituaries



Peter T. Szarek

Peter T. Szarek, 78, of Agawam, and formerly of State Street, Chicopee, died recently in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

He co-founded Sonard Engravers on Maple Court, East Longmeadow, in the late 1940's, and ran the business until his retirement in 1982.

He played the trumpet and violin with several area polka bands, including the popular Larry Chesky Orchestra.

Born in Westfield, he lived in Montgomery until 1952, when he moved to Chicopee. He moved to Agawam in January.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was an ambulance driver in B Company of the 313th Battalion of the Medical Corps. He took part in the Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley campaigns in 1943-45.

He received Mediterranean and European theater ribbons.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Willimansett, Chicopee. He belonged to the White Eagle Alliance Group and the Polish-American Veterans Club, both in Chicopee.

He leaves his wife, Natalie M. (Zoladz) Storozuk Szarek; a son, Peter J. Szarek of Rutherfordton, N.C.; a daughter, Bernice M. Rueli of Agawam; a stepson, Walter J. Storozuk of Chicopee; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Brunelle-Pelland Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Stanislaus' Cemetery, all in Willimansett.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Anthony of Padua Church Building Fund, care of the rectory at 56 St. Anthony Street, Chicopee, MA 01013, or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

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Joseph J. Motroni, 70, of 42 Albert St., Agawam, an 18-year foreman at the former Package Machinery Co. of East Longmeadow, died at home.

He retired in 1986. He had been a foreman for 17 years at the former WICO Electric Co. of Springfield, and for seven years at Titeflex Co. of East Springfield. Born and schooled in Holyoke, he spent 30 years in Chicopee before moving here in 1989.

He was a World War II Navy veteran, and a communicant and usher at St. John the Evangelist Church. He leaves his wife, the former Constance M. Gannuscio; a son, John of Palmer; a daughter, Linda Abbott of Marco Island, Florida; two brothers, Ralph and Robert of Holyoke; a sister, Mary Donohue of Townsend, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and church, with burial at Mater Dolorosa Cemetery in South Hadley.

Mildred D. Gove

Mildred D. (Parker) Gove, 81, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she lived in the city most of her life.

Her husband, Austin W. Gove, died in 1982.

She leaves three sons, George A. of Hatfield, Roger A. of Springfield, and Richard A. of Holyoke; a sister, Hazel LeFort of Springfield; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Hafey Springfield Chapels was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1 Armory Square, Springfield, MA 01105.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 6, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 88 Main Street, Agawam, MA in regards to a request that the Agawam Town Council place on its agenda and approve a non-binding referendum question to be placed on the ballot at the next regular or special town election.

Ursula Retzier
Clerk of the Council

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LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 2, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of ten registered voters for a proposed Zoning Amendment entitled "Treebelt Ordinance." A copy of this proposal can be obtained or viewed in the Agawam Planning Office.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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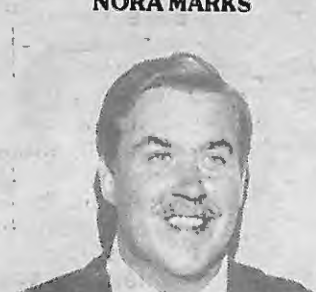
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15th Annual Agawam Day Held In Florida



THE 15TH Annual Agawam Day was held in Tarpon Springs, Florida last month. IN PHOTO LEFT, four generations of Martels attended - Brian, Claudine, Jim, Evelyn, Bill, and Joan Martel. IN PHOTO RIGHT - Mary Campbell, Tish Pisano, and Jennie Juzba at door prize table.



AT THE ANNUAL AGAWAM DAY in Tarpon Springs, Florida. IN PHOTO LEFT, Charley Gerard and Charlie Campbell, two former neighbors who haven't seen each other for 50 years. IN PHOTO RIGHT, James Clark, former superintendent of schools; Joe Faucette, former health officer; and John Chriscola, a former sergeant with the Agawam Police.

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Karen E. Stuart Becomes Bride Of Robert Cree

Karen E. Stuart and Robert Cree were recently united in marriage at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Karen is the daughter of Mary Jane and the late Perry E. Stuart of Agawam. Robert is the son of Robert and Donna Cree of Quincy.

Jen Robinson was the Maid of Honor, and Dave Pettengil was the Best Man. A reception was held at the Westover Club in Chicopee.

The bride is a graduate of Springfield College and is a personal care attendant in Brookline.

Her husband is a Deputy Sheriff in Boston and a member of the Army National Guard.

The couple resides in Randolph.

Turnverein Celebrates 141st Anniversary

The Springfield Turnverein celebrated its 141st anniversary on Saturday, April 20th. Long-term members were recognized. The following received certificates for having been members for 25 years: John Prucha, Anita Matuch, Edward Davis, and Rayford Waugh.

The "Turner Award" was presented to Kurt and Christa Strehl for their years of working at the Club. They were responsible for having the exchange with a singing group from Ludenscheid, Germany, and for the new signs and flag poles at the entrance to the property.

Leeon Connor was recognized for having become an Eagle Scout recently. Leeon is a member of Troop No. 78, sponsored by the Springfield Turnverein.

Music for listening and dancing pleasure completed the evening.

MAY FESTIVAL:

The Springfield Turnverein, at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills, will hold a May Festival Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 4th, sponsored by the Ladies' Glee Club and the Men's Singing Section.

Dinner will be: schnitzel, roasted potatoes, garden vegetable, coffee, and cake. Reservations may be made with Christa Strehl at 786-0143, or at the Club at 786-0924, by May 1st.

Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by the "Leo Murawski Band." We welcome guests to join us.

Agawam Community Artists To Hold Next Meeting On May 1st

At their next meeting, the Agawam Community Artists will present J. Frances McCarthy.

Fran's demo/lecture will explain how to set up a still life and execute it in acrylics. She is a national award winner who paints primarily in water media and has had awards in oil and pastels.

The meeting will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on May 1st at 7:00 p.m. It is open to the public at no charge.

The Agawam Community Artists are under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council for the Arts.

Maria K. Vouros To Wed Michael Cincotta

Paul and Irene Vouros of Concord announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria K. Vouros, to Michael Cincotta, son of Louis and Marcia Cincotta of Andover. He is the grandson of Manuel and Tina Cincotta of Agawam.

Miss Vouros was graduated from Concord-Carlisle High School in 1998, and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in 1992 with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is employed by Ergo Science, Inc., in Charlestown as a clinical programs administrator.

Mr. Cincotta was graduated from Andover High School in 1988 and Rutgers University in 1992 with a bachelor of science degree in Environmental Science. He is employed by Ergo Science, Inc., as the laboratory manager.

A wedding is planned for August 24, 1996.

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Girl Scouts Take Communication Class By Toastmasters

Public speaking is one of the top 10 fears people have. Ten Pioneer Valley girl scouts, ages 13 to 17, recently challenged themselves to take a course in speaking and communication skills sponsored by the Agawam/West Side Toastmaster's Club.

Joanne Attardi and Karla Young spent several weeks each Saturday morning teaching skills such as parliamentary procedures of a meeting, impromptu talks (called "Table Topics"), organizing their speech, eye contact, gestures, and voice projection, in order to assist them in preparing for college and their future careers.

Melissa Koski, 17, one of the Girl Scouts who took the course, says, "We've been doing a lot of speaking in history class and I used to get real nervous." She says the course "helped a lot."

"It was a lot of fun," says Melissa, "and the best part was that I'm able to apply it to my life right now."

Lisa Davis, 17, says being a good speaker makes a person more confident. "You know that you have power. You know how to speak your mind and have other people understand it," she says.

Melissa has these tips for other kids—and adults—whose knees turn to jelly at the thought of giving a speech: "Be prepared. Know your subject. Know your audience. And know that they want to hear what you've got to say."

Other girls who completed the program: Heather Kofke-Egger and Sharon Brodeur, 16, of Ludlow; Ryan Harvey, 16, of Monson; Jessica Bruso, 14, Tila Kienitz, 15, and Elin Kienitz, 13, of East Longmeadow; and Amanda Clayton, 13, and Melissa Ganley, 14, both of Springfield.

Participants received their Youth Leadership awards at a ceremony on Thursday, April 11th, at the Country Estate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam.

B.J. Libby, Membership Director of Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts, says the course counted towards earning badges in "Understanding Yourself and Others" and received these badges Thursday. One of the girls' moms, Marie Koski, presented the badges.

For further information on the Agawam/West Side Toastmaster's Club, call 731-4064 or 1-800-444-1374 for club locations outside of Agawam.

AARP To Meet At Senior Ctr. April 29th

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter No. 4915 of AARP will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, April 29th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

The nominating committee will present the following candidates for the 1996-1997 term of office:

Pauline Paquette, President; Jessie Fuller, Vice-President; Patricia Matte, Secretary; Oliver Muldrew, Treasurer; Paul Osypuk, Director (three-year term); and Christine Mikszewski, Director (three-year term).

Nominations will be accepted from the floor. The election will be held on May 27th.

The guest speaker will be Debbie Dachos, director of Development & Community Planning for the Town of Agawam. Her topic will be the proposed bike path on River Road.

Any senior over 50 years of age (member or non-member) with a national AARP membership is invited to attend. Dues are \$2 per year.

Please join us at this meeting and cast a vote for our new officers. Refreshments will be served.

FLEA MARKET SCHEDULED

A large assortment of vendors is wanted. Ranging from crafts, collectable, antiques, household goods, clothing, baby items, toys, tools, sport cards, cars, and recreational vehicles. If you have a need, we have a spot for you. Will be held in heated hall, outdoor pavilion, booths, parking lot, and lawn. Pricing from 15 to 25 cents per sq. ft.

Will be held at the Polish American Club of Agawam, Inc., 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. On April 27 & 28 from 9 AM to 5 PM.

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LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS participated in a speaking and communications course sponsored by the Agawam-West Springfield Toastmasters. Above, back row - Karla Young, Tila Kienitz, Jessica Bruso, Elin Kienitz, Melissa Koski, Lisa Davis, and Joanne Attardi. Front row - Amanda Clayton, Melissa Ganley, Ryan Harvey, and Sharon Brodeur. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Food For Friends" Food Drive Being Sponsored In Agawam At Stop & Shop

To launch the annual "Food For Friends" food drive, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts hosted a tour of its warehouse in Hatfield for all of the Stop & Shop Supermarket store managers from western Massachusetts at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23rd.

"Food For Friends" is a New England-wide, friendly competition between the local area Stop & Shop Supermarkets to raise as many food donations as possible for New England Food Banks.

The 1996 "Food For Friends" drive will culminate on Saturday, May 4th. In 1995, more than 18,000 pounds of food were donated by the customers of the 12 area Stop & Shop supermarkets.

Among those participating in this worthwhile

fundraiser is Emilia Miner, the manager of the Stop & Shop supermarket on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

In western Massachusetts, The Food Bank fights hunger by distributing 2.5 million pounds of donated food per year to 335 social service programs such as emergency pantries, shelters and soup kitchens, daycare centers, low-income elder services, and other human service providers. In 1995, more than 160,000 individuals were served, including nearly 54,000 children.

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Boy Scout Troop 75 Plans Bottle And Can Recycling Drive

Boy Scout Troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills will hold a bottle and can recycling drive on Saturday, April 27th, in the parking lot of Dave's Soda & Pet City, 11 Ramah Circle North in Agawam, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the drive will be used to purchase camping equipment for the scouts to use in their outdoor program.

Bottles and cans may be brought directly to Dave's Soda & Pet City for donation to Troop 75, or given to any adult or scout member of the troop in advance of the drive. To arrange to have bottles and cans picked up either in advance of or on the day of the drive, contact Bill or Barbara Campanella at 786-4033.

Also scheduled to help raise funds for the troop is a car wash to be held on Saturday, May 11th, in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church. Watch for details to come.

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Annual Antique & Classic Car Show On April 28th By Agawam Lions Club

The Agawam Lions Club will hold its Annual Antique and Classic Auto Show on Sunday, April 28th, from 10 to 3 at the Agawam High School parking lot. (The rain date will be on May 19, 1996.) We expect about 200 cars of all make and vintage. Refreshments will be available on the grounds, and admission is \$3.

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Lioness Hold Annual Macaroni Supper



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB held their Annual Macaroni Supper earlier this month at the Lions Club Den on the grounds of THE BIG E. From left - Heather Bishop is about to enjoy a meatball as her dad, Alfred, looks on. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Lioness members Joy Hannon, Fran Serra, Terry Angotti, and Elaine Taupier were on the serving line. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Tina Wright To Wed Stephen Desroches

James and Esther (Sue) Wright of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina, to Stephen G. Desroches of Westfield. Stephen is the son of Gerard and Marie Desroches of Agawam.

Tina is a graduate of North Adams State College with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. She is currently employed at the Kids Place Inc. in Holyoke's Lab School.

Stephen is a graduate of the former University of Lowell with a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed by ABB-Combustion Engineering as a Technical Services Engineer.

The couple became engaged on November 22, 1995, with an August 3, 1996 wedding planned at the Westfield Evangelical Free Church. A reception at the Yankee Pedlar Inn will immediately follow.

4th Annual Auction At St. Mary's High On Monday, May 6th

St. Mary's High School, located on Bartlett Street, Westfield, will be holding its Fourth Benefit Auction on Monday, May 6th.

Inspection of items will take place at 5:00 p.m., and the auction itself will commence at 6:30 p.m.

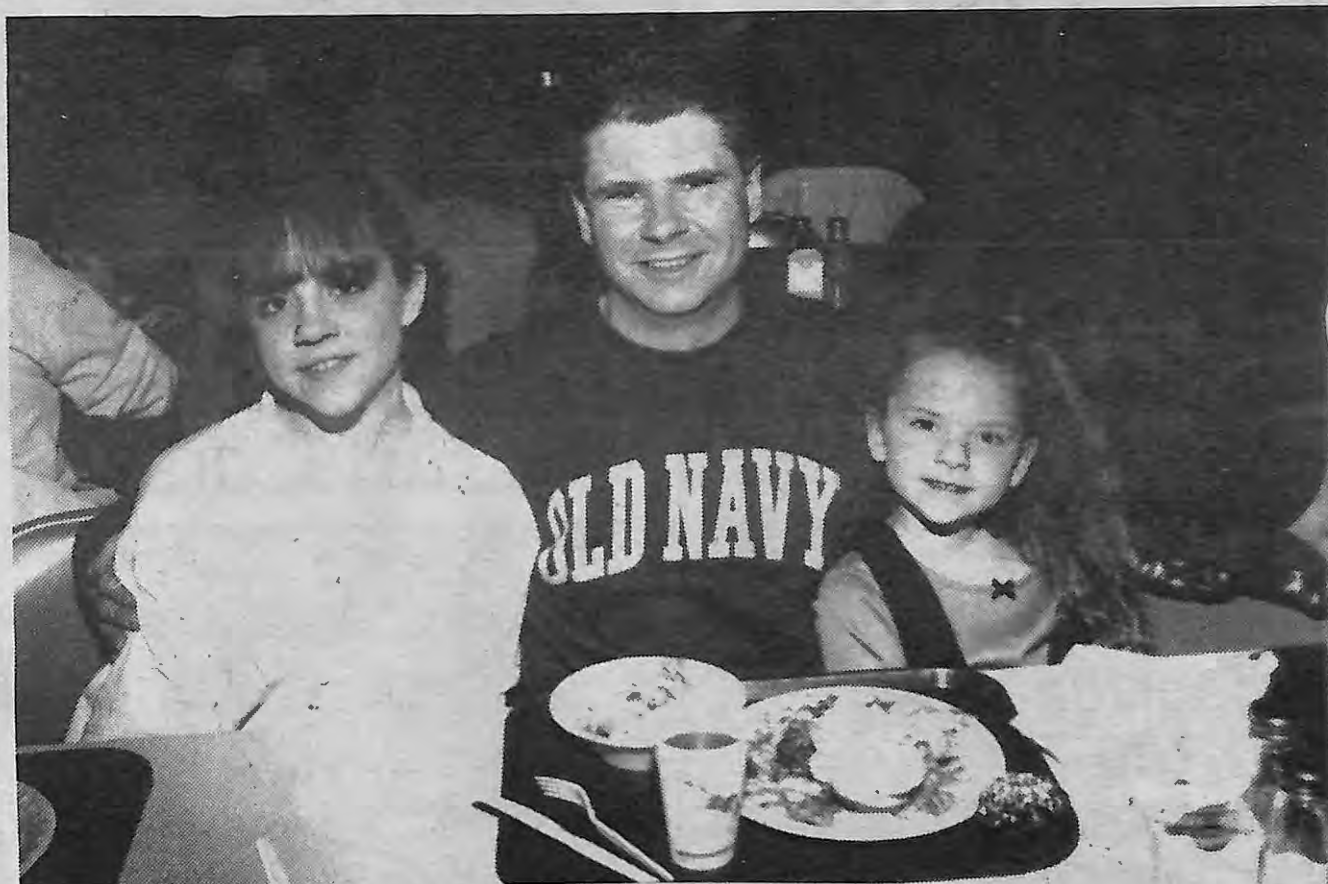
Lt. Berry Arrives For Army Duty

Army 2nd Lt. Patrick J. Berry has arrived for duty at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Berry, a medical specialist, is the son of Marie E. and John F. Berry of 41 Morningside Circle, Feeding Hills.

He graduated in 1991 from Agawam High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1995 from Stonehill College, North Easton, MA.

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THE LOOMIS CLAN, Megan, Jim, and Rachel were among the gathering who attended the recent Macaroni Supper at the Lions Den sponsored by the Agawam Lioness Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Weekly Activities At Heritage Hall



IN PHOTO LEFT, Heritage Hall Hall Nursing Home residents Jane Delay and Wilma Lewis enjoy a recent cocktail hour with West Building administrator Julie Ely. IN PHOTO RIGHT, resident Amelia Bdnasz enjoys a game with student Ian Serwanski. Ian and his classmates paid a visit to Heritage Hall recently. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Parks/Rec. Is Taking Applications For Several Positions

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for the following positions:

- * Youth Tennis Instructor
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- * Camp Nurse

For more information on the above positions, please call 786-0400, extension 456.

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Agawam Chapter Of AFS Seeking Families To Host Foreign Students For 1996-97

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is seeking host families for the 1996-97 school year for several foreign exchange students, including a young woman from Panama, to be members of the Class of 1997 at Agawam High School.

Agawam AFS has been a sponsor chapter of AFS International for the past 21 years and is considered one of the most successful in all of New England.

Currently, Agawam AFS is sponsoring five students at Agawam High School. The students arrive in early August and return to their home countries the first week of July the following year (after spending what is hoped to be the most memorable year of their lives with an American host family).

AFS USA sponsors over 4,000 students and

visiting teachers each year.

Host families come from all walks of life and from all income levels. AFS International assumes health and liability insurance. The Agawam Chapter of AFS helps the students it sponsors with many school related expenses.

Hosting an AFS student can be one of the most wonderful and exhilarating experiences for a local family and this is based on the many past successes of hosting families in our community.

If you are interested in hearing more information about Agawam AFS, or may be interested in hosting for the 1996/97 school year, please contact Allen Machia, Agawam AFS Family Placement chairman (786-0114), Mary Ellen Bruce, Agawam High AFS advisor (789-1400, extension 421, weekdays), or Ric Sardella, chapter president (786-7747 days; 789-2005, evenings).

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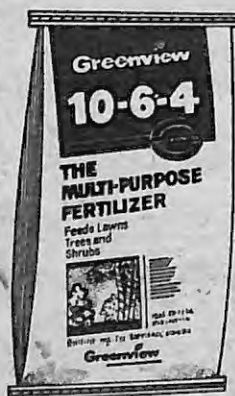
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LaFountaines Enjoy 50th Anniversary With Family, Friends

Kenneth and Margaret (Peg) LaFountaine, Sr. of 528 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield.

They are the parents of Janet Campbell of Suffield, CT and Kenneth LaFountaine, Jr. of Westfield. They have one grandchild.

Mr. LaFountaine is retired from Hamilton Standard.

Mrs. LaFountaine was the receptionist for the former Dr. Jacob Tillman, D.D.S. of Springfield and past president of the Feeding Hills Women's Club.

Senior Ctr. Friends Plan Third Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will hold its third annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 5th at the Agawam Senior Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

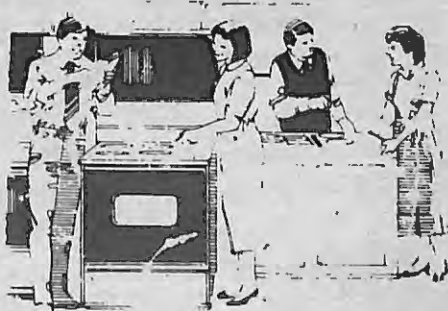
Cost of tickets is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10.

Tickets are available at the Agawam Senior Center and will be available at the door the morning of the breakfast. Tickets and information may be obtained from "Friends" board members Lili Doyle, Desiree Jacobs, Vi Presz, Jim Griffin, Barbara Gingras, Nellie Mathias, or Joanne Willis.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to help purchase new steel counter shutters to help soundproof the kitchen from the dining room.

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'Daughter's Day' Being Celebrated At Agawam Business

Balzars Tool Coating, Inc., 30 General Abrams Drive, Agawam, announces plans to take girls to work as part of the Ms. Foundation for Women's Annual TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY.

On April 25th from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 16 girls will accompany their parents throughout the workday.

The girls will be working in the office, and assisting in the shop with supervised tool fixturing, and packing. All girls will have an opportunity to work in both locations.

This is the third year that Balzers Tool Coating, Inc. has participated in this program under the direction of Dennis Perry, coating center manager. In 1994, two girls participated, in 1995 it grew to 12, and this year, we are expecting 16 girls.

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK is a day for girls to be visible, valued, and heard. On this day, girls are exposed to a range of life options. They are given reason to believe in their education and to stay in school.

Boy Scout Troop 78 Schedules Car Wash

Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 4, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street.

The donation will be \$2 per vehicle. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any scout from the Troop, or payment may be made on the day of the sale.

Reunion Luncheon Slated By Former F. Hills Women's Club

A reunion luncheon for members of the former Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, at Storowton Tavern.

If you have not been contacted and wish to attend, please call Thelma Gardner at 786-6706.

All former members are welcome.

Community Grange Plans Tag & Bake Sale On Sat., April 27th

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Tag and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

This sale will benefit various community projects and the Scholarship Fund. A snack bar will also be available.



PAVLINA MOYSIS

Pavlina Moysis Is Chosen As Miss Junior Agawam Preteen

Pavlina Moysis, 10 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dimitri Moysis, recently won the title of Miss Agawam and will be competing for the title of Miss Junior Massachusetts on June 28. The winner of the state title will travel to New York in July to compete for the National Title of Miss Junior America.

Pavlina attends James Clark Elementary School, and she is also active playing soccer, softball, and basketball.

The Miss Junior America Pageant has been in existence for 10 years and offers its contestants an experience of a lifetime with opportunities unlike any other pageant today.

Many previous pageant winners, like Tiffany Thiessen on "Saved By The Bell - The College Years" (among others), have been discovered in the Miss Junior America Pageant by well-respected agents, managers, and casting directors who judge the competitions.

Community Grange Schedules Ziti Supper On Saturday, May 4th

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Ziti Supper on Saturday, May 4th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Grange hall is located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

The menu will include ziti, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade pastries, coffee, tea, and milk. Cost is \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Reservations can be made by calling 786-2276.

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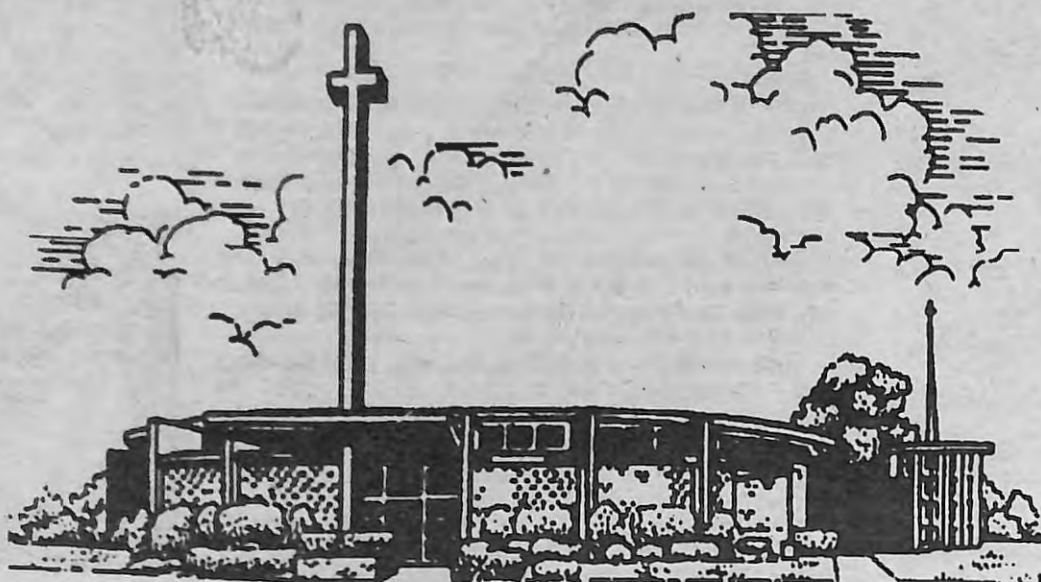
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Agawam Senior Center's May Calendar

Wednesday, May 1st: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment).

Friday, May 3rd: 9:00 a.m., Free diabetic check (no appointment needed); 12:30 p.m., Program with Attorney Peter Benjamin, Esq.

Saturday, May 4th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Sunday, May 5th: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Friends of the Agawam Senior Center's Annual "Pancake Breakfast."

Monday, May 6th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, May 7th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available for your health insurance questions (by appointment: 786-0400, ext. 242); 12:30 p.m., Movie of the week; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check (no appointment).

Wednesday, May 8th: Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter One.

Thursday, May 9th: Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Friday, May 10th: Special Mother's Day dinner (by reservations only).

Saturday, May 11th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, May 13th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, May 14th: 12:30 p.m., Movie of the week.

Wednesday, May 15th: Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter Two.

Monday, May 20th: 9:00 a.m., Weldon Center Hearing Van (by appointment); 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, May 21st: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative (by appointment); 12:30 p.m., Movie of the week.

Wednesday, May 22nd: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter One.

Friday, May 24th: 12:00 noon, Agawam Senior Center's Annual Memorial Luncheon.

Saturday, May 25th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, May 27th: Senior Center closed (Memorial Day observed).

Tuesday, May 28th: 12:30 p.m., Movie of the week; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan (by appointment).

Elder Law Week

On Friday, May 3rd, Attorney Peter Benjamin, Esq., will present a special seminar to commemorate Elder Law Week titled "Estate Planning Package," which will cover pertinent information on the following topics: wills, durable power of attorney, and health care proxies.

The program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association, and we encourage all in-

terested parties to attend. For further information, please call 786-0400, ext. 242, Activities Department.

Shuffleboard

Starting Tuesday, May 7th, and every Tuesday thereafter, shuffleboard players are asked to meet at the Agawam Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. or at the shuffleboard courts at Forest Park (weather permitting) to come together as a group to polish up shuffleboard skills for the Senior Games competition or just to get some fun and exercise.

For the people that are aware, this is the qualifying year for the Senior National Games to be held in Tucson, Arizona in 1997. For more information, call Janice at 786-6510 or the Agawam Senior Center Activities.

Pitch Tournament

On May 9th at 1:00 p.m., the Pitch Tournament will begin. Please come a little early to sign in. The tournament will run as many weeks as needed. Your promptness will be appreciated.

Please call the Agawam Senior Center to reserve. Those wishing to play cribbage just for fun are welcome to come on the above date.

For further information, call Janice, 786-6510, or the Agawam Senior Center Activities.

Massachusetts Senior Games Information:

It's our fifth anniversary! All athletes 50 years and over are invited to take part in their particular sport and join the fun, camaraderie, and the enjoyment of it all.

The following competitive sports are as follows: archery, badminton, basketball, bowling (10 pin, candlepin), bocce, cycling, golf, horseshoes, lawn bowling, race walking, racquetball, road race, shuffleboard, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track/field, triathlon, line dancing, and volleyball.

This is the qualifying year for the USNO Classic Games to be held in Tucson, Arizona which will take place in May 1997.

Catch the spirit and pick up your application for the Massachusetts Senior Games at the Agawam Senior Center. For more information, call the Senior Games office at 748-3020 or FAX 748-3859. **News From The Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA)**

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes are very proud to represent their Senior Center, town, and state. They recently held a two-day tag sale at the Senior Center, where the people who live in the complex area showed their generosity with many donations. Medical West sent volunteers to assist

the athletes in conjunction with Senior Citizen Month.

The sale was very successful, and the athletes met some wonderful people. They will always be grateful for their Senior Center and for the people of Agawam. (From the desk of Vi Presz, President of the "Agawam Senior Center Athletes.")

Coming Event - Car Window Etching

This service will be available by appointment only on Thursday and Friday, June 6th and 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. By taking advantage of this service, you will be eligible for a discount on your auto insurance.

The cost will be only \$10, and the etchings will be on all windows. A decal as a warning label will be included.

This will be a community service and open to non-seniors as well. Call the Senior Center for your appointment at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Tidbits...

Social Security personal earnings and benefit statement (PEBES, Form SSA-700 4) provides information about your Social Security retirement benefits, disability benefits, survivor's benefits, plus other information (call 1-800-772-1213 or write Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 20, Wilkes Barre, PA 1867-0020). This information is free.

The Guide To Health Insurance For People With Medicare And The Medicare Handbook (explaining what Medicare does and does not cover) explains the rules that govern the program. For either guide, write to the Healthcare Financing Administration Publication, 6325 Security Blvd., Room 555EHR, Baltimore, MD 21207. This information is free. (Published in the Spring issue of "The Hanover," Vol. 6, issue 1.)

Birthdays celebrated for April: Anna Sinni, Marion Binnenkade, Flora Bretton, and Robert Fouche. A very happy birthday to our honored guests, and a very special salute to Flora Bretton, who turned 99 years of age. God bless with love from all of your Senior Center friends.

Coming Attractions...

Tuesday, July 9th: "The Jerry Vale Show" at Aquaturf.

Thursday, August 8th: "Coppelia" (presented by the Albany Berkshire Ballet).

Friday, September 6th: "The Bourne Annual Scallop Festival" (Cape Cod).

Polish Club To Hold April 27th Flea Market

The Polish American Club of Agawam, Inc., 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills will be hosting a Flea Market on April 27th and 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The sale will be held in the heated hall, outdoor pavilion, parking lot, and lawn.

Items for sale will include crafts, collectables, antiques, household goods, clothing, baby items, toys, tools, sport cards, cars, and recreational vehicles.

For more information, call 786-6124.

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Judi A. Breton To Wed Robert W. Kuhn

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Breton of 24 Federal Avenue, Agawam, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Judi A. Breton, to Robert W. Kuhn of Groton, CT. He is the son of Susan Kuhn and the late William Kuhn of Fresno, CA.

The future bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and is an Administrative Assistant for Realty Executives of S.E.C.T., Inc. in Groton, CT.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Hoover High School in Fresno, CA, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from California State University, Fresno, CA. He is employed as a Project Engineer for Electric Boat Corporation in Groton, CT.

Their wedding is planned for August 17, 1996.

Calendar Of May Events For Agawam's Golden Age Clubs

May 1st-3rd: Chapter 1 - Trip to the "Granit," a resort in the Caskill Mts.

May 1st: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the foreign exchange students as the guests.

May 8th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Mr. John S. Vigueri III, a representative from Bankers Life & Casualty. His topic will be on an "Alternative Health Program."

May 15th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with annual Memorial Service; also, the rewarding of three scholarships to Agawam High graduates. Entertainment will be provided by the West Springfield Blue Ribbon Singers.

May 17th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

May 21st-24th: Chapter 2 - Trip to "Villa Roma," a resort in the Catskill Mts.

May 22nd: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with annual Memorial Service; also, the guest, Mr. Edward J. Allard, will speak on "Masterpieces of Historic Music" with a patriotic scene.

May 23rd: Chapter 1 - Trip to Vermont to enjoy the comedy "2nd Time Around," a "Peaches Show."

Eric D. Plyler Re-Enlists In United States Army

Army Spec. Eric D. Plyler has re-enlisted in the U.S. Army after more than four years military service.

Plyler is a carpentry/masonry specialist at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

He is the son of Shirley A. Plyler of 86 N. Alhambra Circle, Agawam.

The specialist is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School.

Townfolk turn our pages each week for all the local news!

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, April 29th: Cabbage & bean soup, pizza, tossed salad, fresh plums.

Tuesday, April 30th: Cold plate—egg salad, broccoli salad, jello salad, & canned fruit.

Wednesday, May 1st: Baked chicken breast, stuffing w/gravy, peas & mushrooms, wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

Thursday, May 2nd: Salisbury steak, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, oat bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, May 3rd: French onion soup, seafood salad on roll, tossed salad, cookie.

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Parish Mission To Be Held At St. John The Evangelist Church

St. John the Evangelist's Parish Mission will be held from May 4 through May 9, 1996.

Two members of the Franciscan community, Father Raphael Bonanno, O.F.M., and Father Philip O'Shea, O.F.M., will conduct the Mission.

The theme of this Mission is "The Parish: A Community of Life." On May 4th and 5th, the Friars will preach at all weekend Masses. There will be a Mission Mass each morning at 8:30 a.m. and a Mission session each evening, Monday through Thursday, at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, May 6th, the subject will be "The Parish: Sharing in Life Through Love and Service"; Tuesday, May 7th, "The Parish: Sharing in Life Through Forgiveness"; Wednesday, May 8th, "The Parish: Sharing Life Through Healing"; and on Thursday, May 9th, "The Parish: Sharing Life Through Mission."

Parish members and guests are invited to attend this Mission.



FATHER PHILIP O'SHEA



FATHER RAPHAEL BONANNO

Spring Smorgasbord On Saturday, May 4th At Baptist Church

The Agawam Baptist Church, corner of Main & Elm Sts., will sponsor a Spring Smorgasbord on Saturday, May 4th with servings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$7, and \$3 for children under 10.

The menu will include fruit cup, baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, American chop suey, Harvard beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, potato salad, sunshine salad, cole slaw, relish tray, rolls, assorted homemade pies, coffee, tea, or milk.

For reservations, call Norma at 786-8209, Martha at 786-0337, or Emma at 786-8624. If you make reservations and find you are unable to come, please call and cancel!

United Methodists Plan Rummage Sale For April 27th

The Agawam United Methodist Church (across from the High School) at 459 Mill Street, Agawam, will hold its Spring Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be clothing for the entire family, jewelry, decorative items, small appliances, and furniture for the home, books, toys, attic treasures, as well as cakes, cookies, pies, and candy made by the ladies of the church.

Crossroads Christian Fellowship To Hold Service On May 5th

Crossroads Christian Fellowship with Pastor Brian Simmons announces that a Sunday Service will start on Sunday, May 5, 1996 at 5:00 p.m.

Crossroads will be using the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

For further information, please call Eleanor Rae at (413) 667-8729.

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice. Call 789-0053

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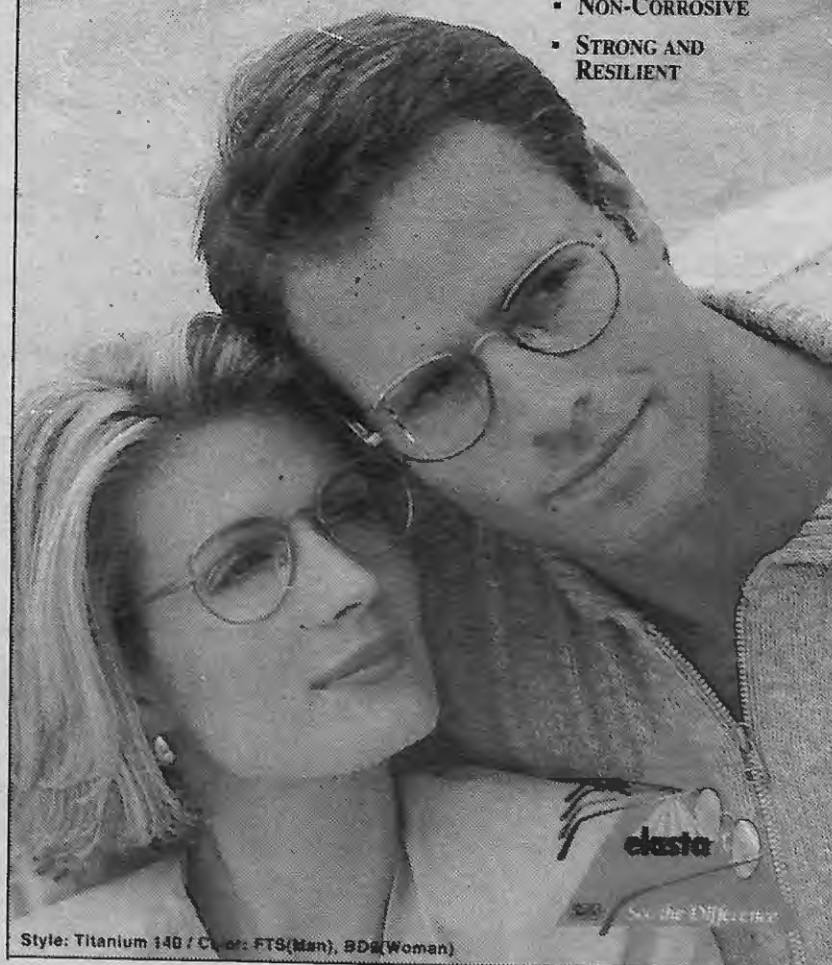
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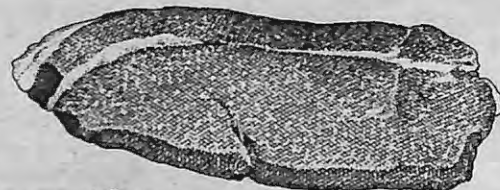
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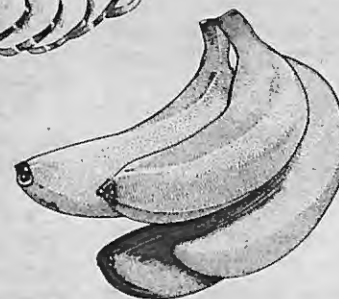
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Church News - continued...

News And Notes From
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Adult Bible Literacy class begins at 9:00 a.m., as does Sunday School for children. A morning worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Which of Us Is Lost?" Children are welcome to join their parents in worship. Younger children may leave at the designated time to work on a special activity with the Youth Director, Patsy Traficante.

Nursery care will be provided as usual.

The Church Council has called a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church in Griswold Hall on Sunday, April 28th, at 12:00 noon to act upon the following:

1. To hear and act on the progress report of the Building Committee.

2. To evaluate the life and missions of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

There will be a spaghetti luncheon served by the Sunday School before the meeting. Please call the church office at 786-5061 or use the sign-up sheet to make reservations (recommended but not required).

Make a note on your calendar to save June 30th, July 14th, and August 17th for Vacation Bible School. This year activities will be planned for people of all ages!

Watch this column for more information.

Special dates in June: Children's Sunday will be held this year on June 2nd. This will be the last day of Sunday School until September.

The choir will sing special music for the worship service on June 16th, Music Sunday.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, April 28th: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 10:00 a.m., Worship Service; 11:30 a.m., Spaghetti Luncheon; 12:00 noon, Special Meeting.

Monday, April 29th: 5:00 p.m., Girl Scouts.

Tuesday, April 30th: 7:00 p.m., Reorganizational/Restructuring Work Group; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, May 1st: 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:45 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

Thursday, May 3rd: Rev. Donaldson's day off; 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

Saturday, May 4th: Youth Group baking for Rescue Mission.

High-Impact Drama
At. Bethany Assembly

The high-impact drama, *Heaven's Gates And Hell's Flames*, will be presented at Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam on Sunday, May 19th, at 6:00 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, May 20th and 21st, at 7:00 p.m.

With a cast of over 40, *Heaven's Gates And Hell's Flames* has impacted cities throughout the United States and Canada, and now comes to the Pioneer Valley.

Admission is free for the three presentations of *Heaven's Gates And Hell's Flames*. There will be a nursery provided for infants, and there will be signing for the deaf in all presentations.

Bethany Assembly of God is located at the corner of Route 57 and Main Street in Agawam. For more information, call the church office at 789-2930.

Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational

Worship service continues at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This Sunday, April 28th, is the fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday. Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "Our Loving Guide," taken from Psalm 23.

Children's Communion will be served downstairs in the worship chapel for kindergarten through sixth grade church school. The children will join their teachers and deacon representatives for this service. Rev. Fuller will lead the service.

Country Line Dancing continues each Friday night through May 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. "Mille and the Gang" will teach you all the new dance steps. Join in the fun, put your dancing shoes on, and stop by.

The cost is \$5 at the door. Refreshments are available, and child care is provided for an extra fee.

A Recognition Dinner for Bob Quigley, Jr., for his 42 years of church service on the Property Committee, will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 each. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door.

Call the church office at 786-7111.

A Variety Auction will be held on Sunday, April 28th, following worship service and coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Items, talents, and services for the auction are needed. Call the church office for more information or to donate your items.

This is a fundraiser for camperships for children and youth. Samples of items and services for the Variety Auction: airplane rides; movie passes; video your party or D.J. your party up to 4 hours; crafts; babysitting services; yard work; baked goods; and more.

If you would like to give an auction prize, please call the church office, 786-7111.

The Sixth Annual 18th Hole Golf Tournament—The Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament—will be held on Saturday, June 1, 1996, at St. Anne's Country Club, Feeding Hills.

There will be prizes, prizes, and more prizes for winners. All golfers are welcome: men, women, seniors, and juniors. The entry fee is \$25 (greens fee, snack, beverage), and carts are available.

For tee times, call Tom Erskine, 786-4783, or Austin Woodard, 786-1675. Call the church office for more information.

Giant Tag Sale At
Valley Comm. Church

The Valley Community Church will hold a giant tag sale on Saturday, April 27th, in the lower level of the Red Door Theatre adjacent to the church at 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. There will be no admittance prior to this hour. The sale will run until 4:30 p.m.

There will be many vendors, and items range from antiques and collectibles, to miscellaneous household treasures. Dealers are able to reserve space at the price of \$15 per table.

Proceeds from space rental go to the Valley Community Church.

Best local news...

Sacred Heart Church
News & Events

Have you remembered those friends and neighbors who have moved out of our area but would like the opportunity to be part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills?

Give them a call today! Please return your dinner reservations as soon as possible. Time is getting short. Don't leave your invitation under that pile of papers on the kitchen shelf.

Don't think the memorabilia you have, someone else has already loaned to us. They haven't! Make available whatever you have. Duplicates will be returned.

May 19th is only four weeks away!

New Member Invitation ... The Youth Group will hold its **Annual Fourth Grade Membership Drive** at a **Pizza Party, Sunday, May 5th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

The party will be held at the **Sacred Heart Parish Center**. Please mark your calendars now. This invitation is for all students in the **fourth grade and older**.

BAPTISM

Please welcome into our parish family the newly baptized: **Meghan Alice Crockwell, Keriann Hannah Flynn, Rachel Ann Guertin, Andrew James Durocher, and Connor Patrice Sheehan.**

Congratulations to their parents and families.

TEEN ENCOUNTER

ATTENTION TEENAGERS - LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO ON THE WEEKEND? Come join us and other teens your age (14-18, Grades 9-12) for a **Teen Encounter retreat**.

The upcoming dates are **April 26-28, 1996**. The program starts on Friday evening and ends on Sunday evening. You will have the chance to meet other teens and learn more about yourself and others.

Cost is \$60 (financial aid is available). They take place at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Agawam. For more information or for an application, call or write: **Teen Encounter, 625 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104; 732-3175, ext. 224.**

Covenant Players At
Bethany Assembly

The Covenant Players, an international drama ministry, will be at the Harvest Assembly of God church on Sunday, April 28th at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This exciting three-person act reaches and appeals to young and old alike.

While the team uses no elaborate sets, costumes, or make-up, they will require the imagination of the viewers, taking familiar life situations to challenge the hearts of people through the Biblical truths presented in them.

The Covenant Players is a non-denominational ministry of faith located in Oxnard, California. It was started by Charles M. Tanner in the early 1960's, desiring to present gospel truths in a graphic manner. It has expanded to numerous traveling drama units which have presented one million performances on six continents, 84 countries, and in 16 languages.

The Harvest church is located at 121 Union Street in West Springfield (located near the IHOP Restaurant). All are welcome. Admission is free, but a love offering will be received. Nursery care is available.

For more information, you may call the church at 739-1234.

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There Is Only ONE God!!!

Some people think there is a God of the Old Testament and a different God of the New Testament. The God of the Old Testament is supposedly full of fury and wrath, while the God of the New Testament is kinder and gentler.

The truth of the matter is that there is only one God, and that He expresses Himself with one voice throughout all the Bible.

The prophet Isaiah, speaking for God, wrote: "But now, this is what the Lord says - He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine."

Our Creator calls to us, He reaches out to each of us. Jacob was a challenging case for God, because Jacob was so self-willed. He wasn't exactly full of integrity, either.

In fact, his scheming constantly got Jacob into all sorts of trouble. Yet God loved him, and eventually the grace of God turned this rascal into a prince.

God wants to do the same sort of thing for every rascal; no one is beyond the love and grace of God.

"Israel" means "people of God." God reaches out to regular people as well. You don't have to be a rascal to get God's attention.

However, just being part of a community, even a church, is also not quite enough. God wants each of us to be His children.

It has been said that God has no grandchildren. This is very true. Each of us needs to hear and respond to God.

Please hear what God is saying to all who will listen to Him: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you." Another way of saying this might be "Don't be afraid, for I have ransomed you."

God is saying that we do not have to live with the consequences of sin any more, from both the eternal as well as the earthly point of view. Each of us knows that we are far from perfect. (If you doubt that, just ask someone who knows you!)

We fail to live up to our own standards; how much more do we fail to meet the standards of a holy God? No wonder we have cause to fear!

Now, God is not saying, "That's all right. We'll just pretend your sin didn't happen." That would be dishonest. What God does say, however, is, "You don't have to be afraid, just come to Me. I have taken care of it."

Whether we like it or not; whether we choose to acknowledge it or not, it is a fact of life that sin has consequences. It separates us from God, and it separates us from each other.

The Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." None of us can escape from sin on our own. Many have tried, and all have failed.

The natural result of a life that is lived separated from God by sin is death, but the gift that God wants to give to each of us is life. Is there any reason why anybody should not accept the gift God graciously offers?

One of the promises of God which appears consistently throughout the Old Testament is God's promise of a Redeemer. May each of us be so blessed as to receive God's promised Redeemer into our own lives.

Best local news...

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Happenings At First Baptist Church

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "Lessons from Laodicea" this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at First Baptist Church. He will use Revelations 3: 14-22 as his biblical text.

The guest organist will be Jean Aldrich-Jones. Nursery care is always available throughout the morning activities.

Coffee and conversation in Davis Hall will precede classes for all ages.

The Junior Youth Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting.

Also this week at First Baptist:

Tuesday, April 30th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

Wednesday, May 1st: 7:15 a.m., Mid-week prayer time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Annual all church business meeting (Davis Hall).

Thursday, May 2nd: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday, May 4th: Youth—Ropes Course, Camp Ashmere, Team Building Day; 4:45 and 6:15 p.m., Annual Spring Smorgasbord (Bodurtha Hall). For reservations, call 786-8624 or 786-8209.

On Sunday, May 5th, the church will participate in the Greater Springfield walk to benefit the Open Pantry. Registration is at 12:00 noon, with the walk beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Check the church office if you want to participate or be a sponsor.

Upcoming event!!! The annual Mr. & Mrs. Club banquet will be held on May 21st in Bodurtha Hall with a social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be catered by "The Wilbraham Village Store."

Paid reservations are due by May 12th by calling 786-2324 or 786-8079. Special entertainment will be provided by Ritchie Mitnick and Company.

Adoration Society
To Meet May 3rd
At Sacred Heart

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, May 3rd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

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Evangelist Kempf At
Grace Baptist Church

Evangelist Charles A. Kempf will be conducting special services at the Grace Baptist Church, Sunday, May 5, 1996 through Friday, May 10, 1996. The times of the services will be 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and 7:00 p.m. throughout the week.

Evangelist Kempf has conducted campaigns coast-to-coast in the United States and abroad for over 20 years. Beside preaching in churches across America, he has also spoken on colleges, high schools, camps, jails, and rest homes. His experience in ministering to all age groups enables him to make the Bible understandable and practical to those who hear him. Rev. Kempf states, "God intended that His Word, the Bible, affect our daily living. When people live in accord with Biblical truth, they experience the greatest life possible on earth."

Evangelist Chuck Kempf received his formal Bible education at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. He has also traced the ministry of the Apostle Paul - a journey that took him to Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Rev. Kempf has authored a book and a number of articles which have been published in several Christian periodicals.

Pastor Todd Kilburn and the congregation of Grace Baptist Church invite you to join them in hearing this preacher of the Bible, as he breaks the Bread of Life to hungry souls. The Grace Baptist Church is located at 475 Pine St. (Route 187), right on the Connecticut line. A nursery will be provided.

For additional information, call 821-0112.

Valley Comm. Church
Expands Its Nursery

Valley Community Church is excited to announce the expansion of its Nursery.

The Nursery Classroom is growing by "leaps and bounds" (actually, in boys and girls). With so many little bodies going in so many different directions, Nursery worker Donna Bessette put out an S.O.S.

Her call was answered by Sue Pearsons. Sue has the patience of Job along with many years of home-grown experience, and will be a valuable asset in the Nursery.

The Nursery is available to all infants and toddlers of any family attending the church's Sunday Worship Service.

The Worship Service and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Coffee Fellowship. The Adult Bible Class begins at 11:00 a.m.

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To decrease pain, the child compensated by raising the shoulder up to make the neck muscle less tight. The body compensated and stayed that way—all without conscious thought.

She was adjusted twice—meaning the proper motion was restored to the joints and muscles were stretched. Currently, her body is perfect and shows no signs of imbalance. Her mother states she even dances much better in dance class now. It is sad to think what could have happened if this functional problem was not treated properly with chiropractic.

At the very least, she may have experienced neck, head, and shoulder pain, with the possibility of severe scoliosis resulting. Please check your children's posture today—if there is any imbalance, have them assessed by your chiropractor.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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Dr. Tami Nelson Wins Regional Speaking Competition

Dr. Tami Nelson, owner of Hampden County Chiropractic in Agawam, has won the Business and Professional Women's Club annual Young Careerist western regional speaking competition. Dr. Nelson represented the Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club, having won the local competition in February.

The competition took place on Saturday, April 13th, at Bricker's Restaurant in Greenfield. The other competitors were Veronica Zombik of Chicopee, Sales and Marketing Manager of Chicopee Glass; Marta W. Lilmatainen of Hampshire County, Training Coordinator for Florence Savings Bank; and Rene Harvitt of Pittsfield, owner of Acupuncture Health Care of Pittsfield.

Each competitor was required to give a five-point plan to address the problem of domestic abuse as part of a hypothetical appointment by Governor William Weld to head up a commission designated to study the problem.

Dr. Nelson now advances to the state level of competition at the annual convention of the Massachusetts Business and Professional Women's Organization in May at the Westford Regency. If Dr. Nelson wins at the state level, she will represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the national convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

The national convention will be held in Washington, D.C. from July 27 through July 30, 1996. DeeDee Myers and Mary Matlin will be the keynote speakers at the convention.

Area Health Clubs Helping With "Healthy Hearts"

Two area health clubs will be promoting healthy hearts while raising money for the American Heart Association in May as part of National Fitness Month.

Fitness First Health and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills will be holding the event on Saturday, May 4th beginning at 9:15 a.m., and Healthy Habits for Women will be hosting the event on Saturday, May 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Both clubs welcome the public to participate and collect pledges for the Heart Association in return for various prizes. Guests are also welcome to participate at either club for a donation to the American Heart Association.

Please help the local clubs reach the goal of \$5,000. They need your support. For more information on how you can participate, please call either club or Pam Mileski at the American Heart Association at 827-0400.

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Your Back And Your Health

**by Dr. Joseph
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Spring Cleaning...

Well, spring is finally here. Many Agawam and Feeding Hills residents have begun the arduous task of cleaning up their yards after an unusually tough and long winter.

There's nothing more flattering to a home than a well-kept yard, well-trimmed shrubs, and well-tended flower beds. Likewise, a bountiful vegetable garden is most flattering to its owner and a good pastime ... sometimes.

Unfortunately, all too often it is painful for its participants.

Gardening and landscaping are great, if you recognize that they are activities that produce certain body stresses; if you recognize your own physical limitations; and if you do them with good sense as well as enthusiasm.

Most people hibernate all winter. Then, at the first sign of spring, they try to make their lawns or gardens the most attractive on the block—all in one day.

They dig, dig, dig ... lift, lift, lift ... bend, bend, bend. The result is ouch, ouch, OUCH! Their backs hurt, their muscles ache, and they wonder why.

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1. Warm up your muscles to the task you are about to start.
2. Don't bend over for long periods of time without taking standing breaks.
3. Don't lift more than you can handle.
4. Wear clothing that does not restrict or confine your movements.
5. Wear flat, comfortable shoes that offer firm support.
6. Use the proper tool for each job.
7. Avoid becoming overheated or chilled.
8. Avoid iced drinks when overheated.
9. Avoid doing your work in an awkward position.
10. If you injure yourself or have aches and pains that don't subside in a few days, see a health specialist.
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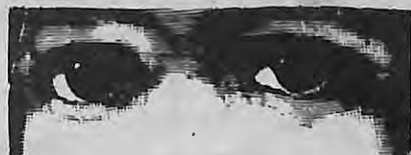
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Arts



CAROL HOADLEY is one of the founding members of the Senior Bell Choir of Branford, Conn. The group is coming to town on May 3rd.

Cabaret Concert At Bay Path College

Bay Path College will present its 16th annual Cabaret Concert on Wednesday, May 1st, at 7:30 p.m. in Blake Student Center dining room. The event is open to the public with no charge for admission.

This year's concert, produced and directed by Charles E. Page, associate professor and director of music, will feature the college's Chorale and Keynotes, a select student singing group, as well as student soloists, the Faculty Cabaret Artists, and mystery guests.

Included in the light repertoire will be a look back at the college's fall and spring musical productions, *The Pajama Game* and *Anything Goes*, with a sampling of the hit songs from each show.

Senior Bell Choir Of Branford, Conn. Coming To Agawam On Friday, May 3rd

Mark May 3, 1996 on your calendars. On this date, the Agawam Cultural Council will proudly present the Senior Bell Choir of Branford, Connecticut. They will entertain with melodic songs rung with five octaves of handbells.

This is the concluding program on the Cultural Council's First Friday series for 1995-96. The performance will take place in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street in Agawam. All of the First Friday Series are free to the public through grants from the Agawam Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Senior Bell Choir of Branford is kept busy entertaining in the Branford area and throughout Connecticut. They have delighted audiences in senior centers and nursing homes. Their experience has even included ringing in a prison. In 1993, they performed at The Big E on a stage in front of the Connecticut building.

Their bells include five octaves, which is an impressive number, and leads to exceptionally good

harmonic arrangements. One of the entertaining features of the group are unique outfits appropriate to each occasion. In addition to the musically talented players, the group has some skilled seamstresses.

One member of the group is Carol Titcomb, a 1969 graduate of Agawam High School. Carol received a degree in music from Lowell State College and is currently teaching music in the Branford public schools.

To perpetuate this style of music and take advantage of their current high enthusiasm, the group sponsors a junior bell choir group of chimers. Through the years as these youngsters come of age, many have come into the ranks of the senior bell choir.

The spirit is great, the music is professional, and an excellent program is in store on May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. Everyone is invited. The program is free of charge.

For information, contact Virginia Heyl, a member of the Agawam Cultural Council, at 786-9150.

Candis Rose Of Feeding Hills Featured Artist From May 12-17 At Springfield College

A Senior Art Show exhibition featuring the works of Carolyn Chang and Candis Rose will run from May 12th-17th in the Visual Arts Center Gallery of Springfield College.

Springfield College senior Carolyn Chang, from Taiwan, is an art therapy major. Senior Candis Rose, from Feeding Hills, majors in art therapy and psychology.

A non-traditional student, Rose has a son, Jeffrey Hugabone, and a daughter, Genevieve Rose, also in college.

Together, Chang and Rose present a collection expressive of their disparate backgrounds and experiences.

The public is invited to attend a Mother's Day

(Sunday, May 12th) reception for the artists from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., which will feature live jazz by "Genevieve Rose and Friends." UMass acoustic jazz bassist Genevieve Rose, daughter of Candis Rose, will perform from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Visual Arts Center Gallery, on the second floor of a renovated warehouse, is located on Wilbraham Street near the corner of Alden Street, along parking lot 2 on the Springfield College campus. The Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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JEREMY BOETTCHER

Jeremy Boettcher Auditions For Camp

Jeremy Boettcher, a 12 year-old home school student from Agawam, recently auditioned for the Northampton Community Music Centers Summer Camp, to be held at the Williston Academy in Easthampton, MA.

His piano audition was held before a distinguished panel of music educators from such prestigious institutions as Julliard and the Berklee Music College.

He is one of 35 students from the United States and abroad who were accepted to participate in the summer camp. His course of study will include chamber music, art and music history, composition and improvisation. He will also study under the tutelage of famous jazz recording artist Andy Jaffe. The camp will close with an evening concert showcasing the students' talents.

Jeremy has studied the piano for three years with Dorcas Cirillo of Agawam. He also studies cello and baroque recorder. Jeremy is a member of the Pioneer Valley Homeschool Choir and Woodwind Ensemble.

He performs at area churches and has competed in several talent competitions. He plans to continue his studies with an early entrance to college and earn degrees in music and pastoral ministry.

Last Weekend For Westfield Theatre Group's "Cinderella"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, enters its final weekend of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella."

The first two weekends were a huge success and tickets are going fast for the remaining shows, but reservations are still being accepted.

The show is a wonderful adaptation of the classic fairy tale, where dreams do come true, directed by Bob Laviolette, with musical direction by Karen Dion.

Cinderella is beautifully played by Amy Millette, with a voice so sweet and true. Brad Thayer, as the Prince, is charming, and Ernie Desroches and Katherine Levy as the King and Queen are delightful in their portrayal of the royal family.

Carol Palmer as Cinderella's stepmother, and Susan Ingraham and Stacy Ashley as the step-sisters, are a delight with a wonderful combination of haughtiness and comedic timing.

This is a great show for all ages, not just a children's fairy tale.

Performances will continue April 26th and 27th at 8:00 p.m., with a special matinee scheduled for April 27th at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and seniors. Reservations may be made by calling 572-6838, and it is strongly suggested that this be done.

Tickets may be picked up at the box office Monday through Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and the theatre group encourages this in order to assist in getting everyone seated prior to performance.

Take the family out for a fun-filled evening of singing, dancing, and all-around enjoyment.

For all the hometown news, you turn our pages - AAN!!!

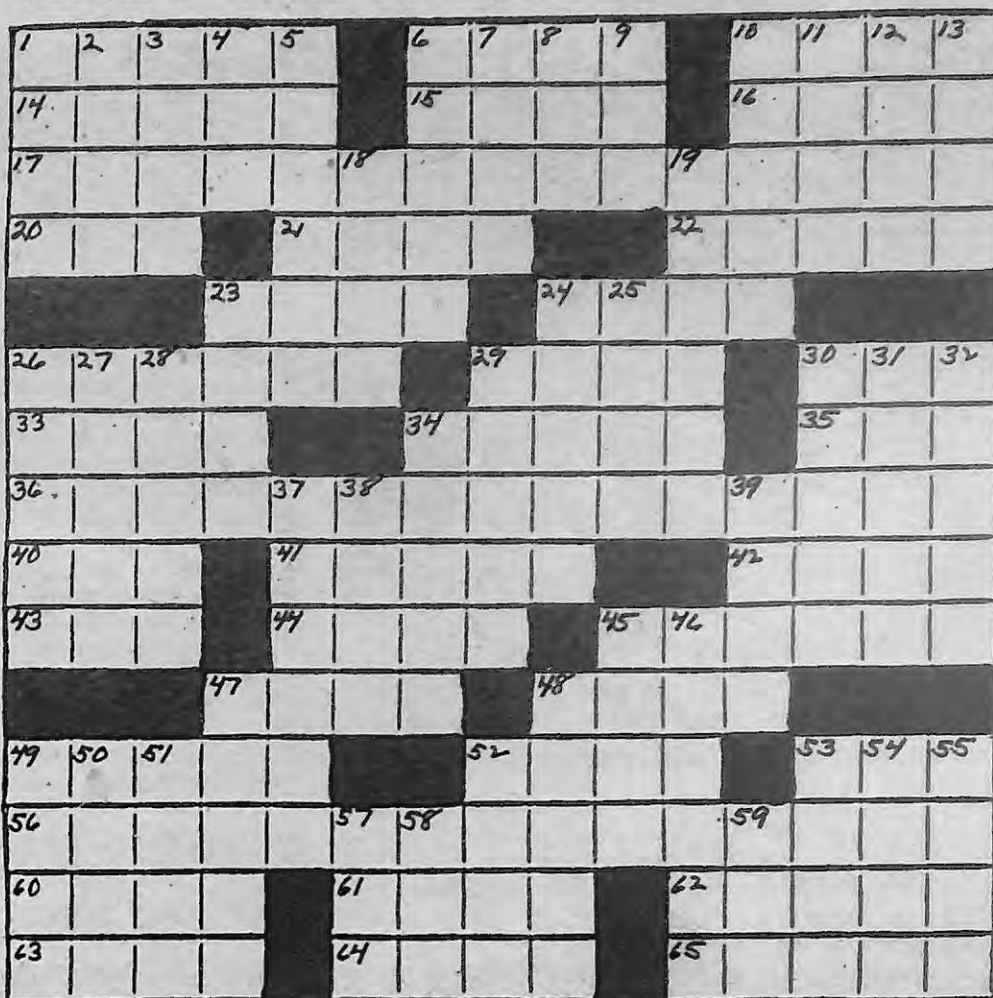
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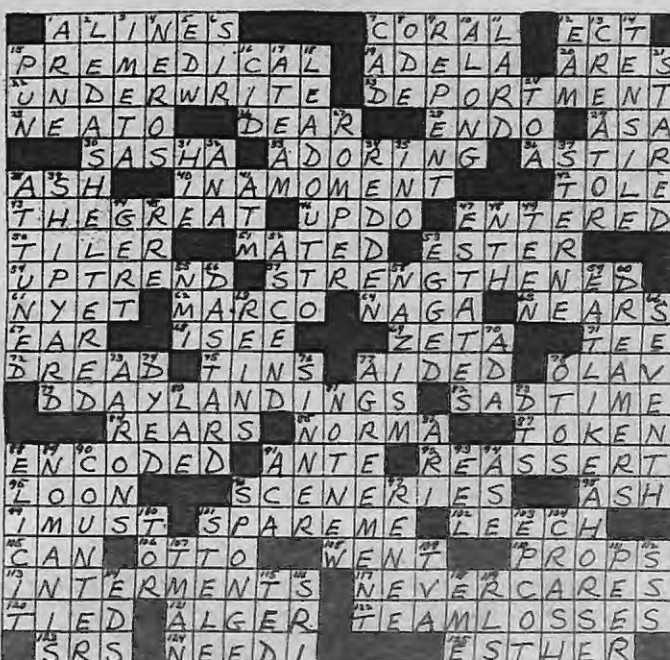
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MEET THE MASTER — by Dick Mastroianni



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Last Week's Solution...



Art Of Georgene Knight Wins Third Prize At Show

Phillips Gallery on Sanibel Island, Florida held the juried "Big Arts" exposition which attracted 123 artists from all of southern Florida. The theme this year was "Reflections."

Georgene Knight, formerly of Ridgeview Drive, Feeding Hills, was awarded third prize for her acrylic painting, "Red Boat."

Georgene began painting after retiring as a kindergarten teacher at Granger School. She and her husband, Tom, now reside on Sanibel Island and Cape Cod.



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Education



AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Acting Director
AHS Guidance Dept.

Well, most of the college acceptances are in and now the really hard part begins ... choosing the school to attend! Many of our students were accepted to more than one college and must let the school of their choice know by May.

It is customary to let the other colleges know that one is not planning to attend them. This allows the colleges to take your name off their list and to open their doors to someone on the waiting list.

We guidance counselors strongly suggest that youngsters go visit the various colleges, get a feel for the students who attend and spend time walking around and soaking up the atmosphere. Think about whether they will find happiness at the school. If the college is far from home, will that present a problem? Will the student be able to choose his/her intended major? Is the financial aid package acceptable? If not, it is possible to speak to someone in the financial aid office and have the package adjusted.

Yes, the decision of what college to attend is not an easy one, but it is an important one. With the proper investigating, a wise choice can be made and wonderful post high school years can be anticipated.

It was more difficult than ever to get into colleges this year. I think the main reason is that with the common application being accepted by more schools, the application process has been facilitated. Moreover, many applications are now on-line.

Therefore, many more students applied to eight, nine, or 10 colleges. With more applications, the application pool became more competitive. One needed a higher grade point average and higher SAT scores to be considered for the same school that they perhaps would have had easy access to last year. Yes, times, they are a changing!!!

Enclosed is a list of the colleges where our students have been accepted. We are so proud of them and their accomplishments. As you can see, the list is large and varied. The schools are

located all over the country which indicates that our youngsters are more willing than ever to leave the "roost" and fly forth into new parts.

Students will be attending two-year schools, vocational schools, public schools, and private schools. We wish all these wonderful students good luck and wish to applaud you parents, too, who greatly assisted your children with their college search.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES CLASS OF 1996

Cornell University, Tufts University, University of Notre Dame, New York University, Boston University, Boston College, Mount Holyoke College, Worcester Polytech, Rensselaer Polytech, Hamilton College, Wheaton College, University of Miami, Syracuse University, Bucknell University, Union College.

Trinity College, Clark University, State University of New York, University of Arizona, Providence College, Hofstra University, Hartwick College, Florida Institute of Technology, Penn State University, University of Denver, Bryant College, Northeastern University, UMASS, UCONN, Sacred Heart University, University of Rhode Island, University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, University of Vermont, Springfield College.

Beaver College, Endicott College, Mitchell College, Westfield State College, Western New England College, American International College, HCC, STCC, Johnson and Wales University, Lyndon State College, Framingham State College, University of New England, Fitchburg State College, Becker College, Bridgewater State College, Florida Southern College, Suffolk University.

University of Hartford, North Adams State College, Curry College, Unity College, UMASS Boston, UMASS Dartmouth, Rochester Institute of Technology, LeMoyne College, Franklin Pierce College, Quinnipiac College, Kennebec State College (NH), Merrimack College, Nichols College, Colby-Sawyer College, College of New Rochelle, Barry University, Anna Maria College, Assumption College, Gordon College, St. Joseph College, Utica College, North Central Bible College.

Wheaton College (Illinois), Ithaca College, College of St. Rose, Newbury College, St. Leo College, Salem State College, Regis College, UMASS Lowell, Assunpink Community College, Hesser College, Bay Path College, Salve Regina University, Green Mountain College, George Washington University, Washington and Jefferson, University of Jacksonville, Emerson College, Plymouth State College (NH), Greenfield Community College, Wheelock College.

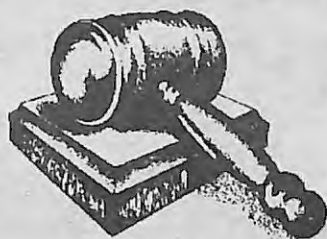
May AHS Calendar

May 5th: "Cinco de Mayo" in all Spanish classes.

May 30th: Broadway Pops - Jazz Night.

GUIDANCE:

SAT I Tests for Juniors (date to be announced).



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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, April 29th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, April 30th: Cup of orange juice, cold cut sandwich in roll with slice of cheese, oven French fries, midnight chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Wednesday, May 1st: Meatball sandwich in roll with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned green beans, fruit cup or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, May 2nd: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, peas & carrots, steamed rice, honey & mayonnaise, bread & butter, rosy applesauce, milk.

Friday, May 3rd: Baked hamburger with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned niblet corn, wheat bread & butter, oatmeal cookie, milk.

* REMINDER: Elementary lunch is \$1. Tickets must be purchased on Mondays for the week.

Gina M. Hodovanec Is Inducted Into Collegiate Who's Who

Gina M. Hodovanec of 23 Pheasant Run Circle, Feeding Hills, has been inducted into *Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges*.

Hodovanec is currently a senior at Westfield State College, where she is majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry.

Hodovanec is a graduate of Agawam High School and the daughter of Louis and Donna DeChristopher.

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"This Is The Time" - Prom Night 1996...



POSING FOR THE CAMERA are David McCarthy and Tara Fiorini ("Miss Agawam").

Agawam High's 1996 Junior-Senior Prom (April 17th)

The Agawam High School 1996 Junior-Senior Prom, "This Is The Time," took place at Chez Josef on Wednesday evening, April 17th.

There were 443 in attendance, which made it the fifth-largest prom since records have been kept by Mrs. Schilling-Nordal. The largest prom was in 1989 when 556 took to the ballroom dance floor.

This was Mrs. Nordal's 25th prom for which she has been responsible. All but two have been at Chez Josef.

After doing decorations for the high school gymnasium proms through the 1960's, she obtained sole responsibility when the first dinner prom, "Atlantis," took place at Shaker Farms Country Club in 1971. The second was at the Highpoint Motor Inn in Chicopee.

Since then, the prom's makeup has changed considerably.

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This year, senior Jason Reed (prom secretary) introduced the head table. Invited guests of the class were Mayor Christopher Johnson and his wife, Anna; Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder and his wife, Nancy; Acting Principal Joseph Zabielski and his wife, Jane; Mrs. Bernadette Conte, Dean of Students, and her husband, Joseph; Mr. Paul Cavallo, Deputy Principal, and his wife, Joan; Miss Frances Messina, Senior Class Advisor, and her son, Steven Green; Mrs. Tracy Farnham, Junior Class Advisor; and Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, Prom Advisor, and her husband, Reidar.

Mr. Zabielski gave a short welcoming address to start the festivities. The students had a choice of menu of boneless breast of chicken, broiled filet mignon, baked Boston scrod, or a vegetarian dish.

Favors voted by the Prom Committee were photo albums which everyone received along with a souvenir program. The colors which dominated the evening were burgandy and maize.

The disc jockey this year was Kenny Richards. Students enjoyed dancing to a variety of music which they could request.

Chosen as Prom King was Mike Domaingue. His assistants were Jason Reed, Josh Lightcap, Jeremy Pajer, and Mike Loguidice.

Prom Queen was Faith Ackerman, and her court consisted of Danielle Petrangelo, Janell Erskine, Sue DeFilipi, and Jenn Borgatti.

Each person received a Holyoke Mall gift certificate and, in addition, the girls received white sprays of roses.

The King and Queen were crowned by Mayor and Mrs. Christopher Johnson. A fun-filled evening was had by all.

(All Prom Night photos are by AAN photographer Jack Devine.)

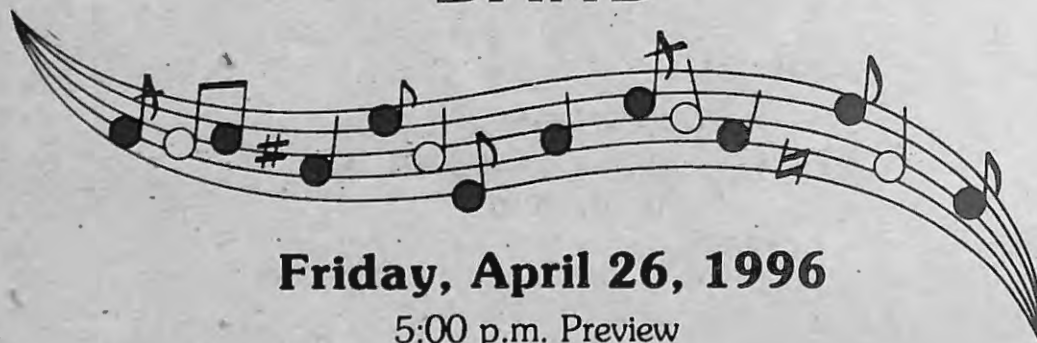


THE INVITED GUESTS at this year's prom, which was held at Chez Josef in Agawam on Wednesday evening, April 17th.



ALL SMILES AT THE PROM: William Aldrich, Kim Faust, Courtney Limbert, Alisa Harvey, Liz McGrew, Christy Dubay, James Magagnoli, and Victoria Wiggins.

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“This Is The Time” - Prom Night 1996...



BACK ROW: Alex Gomez, Shawn LaFleur, Travis McIntire, and Ian Molbury. **FRONT ROW:** Jamie Sternowski, Emily Gomez, Karyn Robblee, and Tish O'Toole.



ARRIVING AT CHEZ JOSEF: Michele Ingalls, Scott Litchfield, Kelly Shaw, Sean Martin, Christina LaValley, Tim Drenzek, Melissa Kinney, Ethan Baird, Sarah Ryder, and Gerry Gosselin.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Doug Janik, Jennifer Giroux, Jeremy Miner, Jill Turban, Tony Alfano, and Erica Pratt. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Ed Shibley, Lauren Tryba, Patrick Napoli, Kristen Lefebvre, Gene Stevens, and Jennifer Cascio.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Donald Hanna, Kerri Lawrence, Erick Cotto, Tana Murphy, Dan White, and Leah Zurlino. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Erin Ottomaniello, Bob Johnson, Katie Reynolds, Wayne Biernat, Nancy Cuccovia, Mike McCormick, Jennifer Zerra, and Kevin T. Bovat.

"This Is The Time" - Prom Night 1996...



BACK ROW: Dan MacWilliams, Kevin Yarrows, Nino Manes, and Rich Feeley. **FRONT ROW:** Christine Mazeika, Lori O'Dea, Mary C. Parrotta, and Sharon Chicklas.



"DRESSED TO THE HILT": Josh Lightcap, Stephanie Eig, Mike Grassetti, Nikki Suffriti, Jeremy Pajer, and Katie Goyette.



BACK ROW: George Graves, Geoffrey Biebel, and Chris Olson. **FRONT ROW:** Kimberly Koehler, Treasure Davidson, and Diane Parslow.



"WHAT A GROUP!": Jason Patrick, Tara Rivkin, Michael Forastiere, Erin Ward, Tom Gage, Stacie Avery, Melissa Fleming, Matt Radwanski, Selena Machia, Dan Viens, Kristin Pettazoni, Dan Lancour, Kelly Stoddard, and Pat Arnold.



ON THE "STAIRS" AT CHEZ JOSEF: Matt Gordon, Adrienne O'Quinn, Joe Dalessio, Tra Jacapraro, Kenneth Smyth, and Jenn Clarke.



BACK ROW: Derek Carpenter, John Eggleston, and Tom Pierson. **FRONT ROW:** Kristine Modzelesky, Carlene Pepe, and Jessica Roy.

Kristina Galarneau To Participate In Biomedical Program

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Galarneau are proud to announce that their daughter, Kristina, was chosen to participate in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) 1996 Summer Internship Program in Biomedical Research.

The NIH is the Federal Government's primary agency for the support of biomedical research. The NIH consists of 24 separate institutes, centers, and divisions, and has 70 buildings in addition to the National Library of Medicine. The institutes are located on more than 300 acres in Bethesda, MD.

Kristina was chosen among an applicant pool of other undergraduate students as well as graduate students for a limited number of positions within each institute. She will be performing research in the Developmental Neurobiology Division of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) at NIH for 10 weeks.

In addition to a full-time research position at NICHD, Kristina will be attending a NIH Summer Seminar Series, which is a series of lectures by leading NHS investigators which introduces students to the latest research discoveries in nearly all of the NIH institutes.

Kristina is a senior Honors Biology and Psychology major at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. During the last two semesters at UMass, Kristina attended the Boston/New England Behavioral Neuroscience Study Group at Tuft's University, the Annual Endocrinology Conference hosted by UMass last October, and many University Neuroscience and Behavior Graduate Seminars in addition to her honors research in a neuroendocrinology lab.

This semester, Kristina will complete her Honors Undergraduate Thesis and will return in the fall to complete the double major. She is planning a fall of 1997 matriculation to medical school.

Dave Pulaski "Makes The Connection"



AGAWAM HIGH MATH TEACHER Dave Pulaski was one of the educators who attended the April 11th "Making The Math/Social Studies Connection" at historic Storowton Village on April 11th. Pulaski was one of three presenters on the agenda. Pulaski, the long-time AHS yearbook advisor, is pictured above at far right addressing the gathering during his segment of the program.

Agawam High Inducts Members Into National Honor Society

On April 3, 1996, the Eleanor Smith Chapter of the National Honor Society at Agawam High School held its annual induction. After a candlelight ceremony performed by officers Al Albano (President), Andrew Markowski (Vice-President), Selena Machia (Treasurer), and Melissa Fleming (Secretary), 51 new members were inducted.

Seniors inducted were: Steven Bennett, Nicole Boyer, Theresa Brown, Jennifer Clarke, Christian DeBonville, Nathan Fralley, Jennifer Giroux, Courtney Hyland, Mary Parrotta, Daniel Vens, Nicole Weinle, and Amy Wisniewski.

Juniors inducted were: Cindi Alfano, Michael

Baggetta, Christopher Bednarzyk, Megan Berry, Ann Marie Blanca, Amy Blodeau, Christopher Blizas, Lori Bryskiewicz, Sharon Chicklas, Sarah Cote, Pam Eaton, Michael Freeman, Todd Godfrey, Wendy Hughes, Jason Jean, Keith Jendza, Todd Jorgensen, and Leslie Kida.

Also, Adam Kimball, Paul Lalli, David Martin, Marc Moccio, Kristine Modzelesky, Zachary Mounelme, Michelle O'Connor, Lori O'Dea, Jeanne O'Neill, Patricia Olson, Diane Parslow, Jill Pavelcsyk, Amy Powell, Jessica Przybyla, Rita Reshamwala, Steven Rovithis, Megan Shannon, Richard Skowrya, Jennifer Stratton, Kevin Tampon, and Melissa Trole.

Best local news...



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"Make Your Own Sundae Night" At Phelps School



THE PHELPS SCHOOL PTO sponsored its Annual "Make Your Own Sundae Night" recently. This year's featured entertainer was singer/storyteller John Porcino from Amherst. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Sleeper, grandfather of first grader Stephen Butt and to Hood's for the ice cream. Students pictured above are Anthony Sotolotto, Matthew Bates, Derek Myers, and Julie Warchol. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Richard Birk Receives Engineering Degree

Richard J. Birk of Feeding Hills was among the 216 graduate and undergraduate students who were awarded degrees from Western New England College on February 15, 1996.

Birk received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree.

Birk was a member of the Engineering Student Council and served as treasurer of the College's chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers.

Western New England College is a private coeducational institution located on a 131-acre suburban campus in Springfield, with an additional 16 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

The College serves full-time and part-time students with undergraduate programs in its Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering, and graduate programs in its Schools of Business, Engineering, and Law.

Best local news...

DARE Program On Monday, April 28th

You no doubt have all heard of D.A.R.E.! You can't have missed those black and red shirts. But most of all, we hope your children have come home and told you what they learned from Officer Gallerani.

Well, fortunately, it's that time of year again, D.A.R.E. time. In April of this year, Officer Gallerani will once again be educating our children on an issue that should concern us all, drugs and alcohol.

The James Clark PTO hereby invites the parents of our youth to spend one hour learning some of the many things our children are learning during their drug resistance education.

This program not only teaches drug and alcohol resistance, it fosters self-esteem and promotes individuality.

Won't you please join your friends and us as Officer Gallerani presents us all with an overview of the D.A.R.E. Program. After all, shouldn't we know what our children know?

Hope to see you, Monday, April 29th, 7:00 p.m. at the James Clark cafeteria.



SINGER/STORYTELLER John Porcino of Amherst entertains the gathering at the Annual "Make Your Own Sundae Night" at Phelps School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Ask Dr.

by Stephen Jacaparo, D.M.D.

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PART-TIME TEETH—FULL-TIME IMPORTANT

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All 20 primary teeth usually are in place by age 3. It's up to parents to brush and floss the teeth until the child is 4 or 5 years old, when most children are ready to "do it myself." But a parent should supervise the brushing to make sure it is done properly. Examine the child's toothbrush from time to time. Children tend to wear out their brushes in shorter time than adults. Bring the child to the dentist for periodic checkups to make sure that the temporary teeth remain sound and are preparing the way properly for the permanent teeth that should last a lifetime.

INVITING GUM TROUBLE

Q. What makes some people more likely than others to get gum disease?

A. Bacteria normally existing in the mouth are always ready for an opportunity to attack the gums. Certain conditions help to create such opportunities.

One is a reduction of saliva, whose flow helps to impede a buildup of bacteria-friendly plaque. Saliva may decline as a side effect of some medications or result from alcoholic drinking. Some disorders, such as diabetes, weaken resistance to gum disease. Smoking irritates the gums and makes them more subject to disease. Also, hormonal changes during pregnancy can set off gum problems. By far the greatest single cause of gum disease, though, is failure to control plaque by thorough brushing and flossing and neglecting periodic professional cleanings to remove stubborn plaque deposits.

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The Agawam Piranha Competitive Swim Team Invites Out of Town Swimmers to Participate



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by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In the great athletic rivalry between Agawam and West Springfield, neither side has a problem with long- or short-term memory loss. That's why the AHS boys' baseball team beat up on the Terriers last Monday afternoon, 8-2, for their fourth straight win of the year and a 5-1 overall record. That victory was a payback for the 8-3 whipping they suffered at the hands of West Side in their second game of the season - their only loss at presstime.

Agawam came right out of the gate on a mission. They scored first in their half of the first, courtesy of Jimmy Baldyga (3-3, including two doubles, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI) double that set the table for Bryan Menard (1-4, 0 runs, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base). He singled, sending in Baldyga.

Menard played with seven stitches on his right eyelid, compliments of a final-out collision he experienced with first baseman Dan Pellegrino in that 10-1 win over Minnechaug.

Agawam went down in order in the second. But the faithful in attendance, craving a Brownie win as much as eternal life, had the feeling.

Chris Chechile (2-3, 1 RBI), back behind the plate after sitting out two games with a glove hand-thumb injury suffered in the win over Westfield, led off the third with a hard line-out to first. Mike Domaingue (1-3, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base) reached on an error then stole second.

Baldyga came up and belted another double. Coach Boo Smith was the third base coach. "I made a mistake," he said. "I called Jim to third. He ran the bases the way he'd been taught. He focused on me. I should have had him hold at second."

The result - Baldyga was out at third (8-6-5). But he'd batted in Domaingue to make the score 2-0, Agawam.

Neither the Brownies nor the Terriers could do anything in the third.

Locals Shine In The Fourth

Agawam drew more blood in the fourth, however. A Dom Pisano double (1-4, a double, 1 run scored), followed by a Mike Loguidice single, scored Pisano and upped the ante. Jamie Scherban (2-4), who wants to be known as the "Wizard," singled Loguidice to third. A delayed Brownie steal sent Loguidice home. The "Wizard" streaked to third. Chechile singled to drive in the "Wizard."

The Brownies, now up 5-0, were not done. They were cruising behind starter and winning pitcher Jay Malone (4 plus IP, 4 hits, 0 runs, 4 walks, and 2 K's) and Dan Pellegrino (3 IP, 3 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned, 1 strikeout, 0 walks).

The fifth saw the power of Jon Jacobsen (2-4, a homer and a double, 1 run scored, 2 RBI's). Jake, with Baldyga on base, launched a rocket to left centerfield. "It was out of the park in no more than three seconds," Smith said. Jake's first round-tripper of the year made it 7-0, Agawam.

West Side scored two in the bottom of the sixth. But they were swimming upstream by then. Agawam scored another in the seventh.

West Side dropped to 2-4.

Rapa & Curley Join For No-Hitter As Girls Slice Pacers, 17-0

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Chicopee High girls' softball team could never have been ready for what ran over them last Monday afternoon. They met the defending Western Mass. champion and state finalist - Agawam. The Brownie girls, running on all 12 cylinders like a fine tuned Ferrari, blew the Pacers right out of town, 17-0, for their fifth straight win of the season against no losses.

The Brownies started it out by scoring six runs in their half of the first inning. Laura Rapa would strike out the side in the home half of the first. She would pitch four innings, allowing no hits or walks. She punched out seven. Danielle Curley came in for the final two innings. (They only played six in this blowout). She didn't give up a hit, either. She struck out four and walked three. Together, they pitched a no hitter.

The Brownie players added to their statistics in this one. Kristen Patterson went 2-3 with four runs scored, an RBI, and four stolen bases, including home.

Erica Pratt went 1-2. She scored a run and batted in one. Courtne Hyland, who is as hot as a pistol at the plate, upped her average to .533 for the season with a 3-5 afternoon that included a triple. The senior co-captain also scored twice, batted in a run, and recorded two stolen bases, including third.

Hit Parade Just Kept Going

The hit parade just kept on going on. Jen O'Neill went to the plate four times and came back with a double and a single. She scored once and had two RBI's. Amber Conte, coming off a three hit day against Comp, had a single in four trips. She scored a run and batted in one.

Melissa Troie, who continues to solidify her spot at the plate as well as her job at first base, had a double and a single plus a run scored. Becky Wing, who has become more aggressive at the plate, had an RBI single and scored a run in two trips to the batter's box. Steph Biza had a single and a run scored in two at-bats. Stephanie Fleming went 2-3 and scored twice. Junior rightfielder Andrea Nolan, getting a chance to play a bit more now, chipped in with a single.

Rapa's record now stands at 4-0. In her four starts this season, she's pitched 25 innings, given up 18 hits and 13 runs, six of which were earned. She's struck out 33 and walked seven. Her earned run average is a stellar 1.68.

Coach Debbie Lickley admitted that she wanted the game to end early. "Chicopee is a very young team. It was getting out of hand. I'm glad they called it after six." Then she added, "I have to say this - my kids are about as good as they come."

She singled out Patterson, who after five games, has 13 stolen bases to go along with her .375 batting average. "Kristen likes to be

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10-Run Outburst Lifts Baseball To Easy Win Over Minnechaug

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Friday afternoon, the Agawam High boys' baseball team journeyed to Minnechaug Regional High School to meet the Falcons. Both teams were looking good in the early season going. The Brownies, 3-1, were coming off a big 6-4 win over Westfield. Minnechaug came in at 4-1. They'd survived a tough 14-12 win over Comp the previous day. But the Brownies pounced the Falcons, 10-1 to go 4-1 on the young season, a sizzling start for this program.

Agawam ace Jon Jacobsen was on the mound for the Brownies. Jake was going for his third win of the year against no losses. The big right-hander made his only mistake of the day in the first.

After getting the Falcon lead-off man on a fly to left, he reared back and threw a heater to center-fielder Tom Lawrence. Lawrence promptly launched the ball to the hinterlands of left-field for a long homerun. That development might have gotten the Brownie faithful on hand slightly nervous. But they needn't have worried. That would be the only run Jake would allow in the game.

On the other hand, the AHS guys would unleash an eight hit attack that also included some power-ball.

Festivities Start In The Second

The festivities for Agawam started in its half of the second. After a Dom Pisano ground out, DH Mike Loguidice (1-2, a homerun, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI) belted a 340-foot roundtripper over the left-center fence. Jay Malone (0-3, 1 run scored) drew a walk. Jamie Scherban (2-3, 1 RBI) playing second on this day, slapped a single to right, sending Malone to second.

Then first baseman Dan Pellegrino (1-3, 1 RBI) got beamed. He wasn't hurt and jogged down to first. The Brownies now had the sacks loaded and only one out. Mike Domaingue grounded to short, forcing Scherban at second. Malone came in to score. The Brownies were up 2-1. It would only get worse for the Falcons.

Agawam failed to put anything up in the third and fourth innings. But Jake was cruising, so they were content to let him have his way with the birds of prey.

They neatly clipped the Falcons' wings in the fifth, scoring five runs. Domaingue and Jim Baldyga (0-2, 2 runs scored) walked. Bryan Menard, still filling in behind the plate for Chris Chechile, busted a double to left that just landed fair at about the 300-foot mark. The Agawam runners had to hold momentarily to see what was going to happen. Therefore, only Domaingue was able to sprint home. Baldyga went to third. Menard rumbled into second on the late throw to the plate. Jake (2-4, including a triple, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI's) stepped in and promptly laced a single to right, sending Baldyga and Menard in for scores.

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Lickley Grabs 100th Career Win After 9-4 Softball Romp Over SH

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team got its third win of the season against no losses last Wednesday. The defending Division I champs romped over South Hadley, 9-4. And though perhaps the Tigers didn't know it going in, their loss became a part of Brownie softball history, because it turned out to be Agawam Coach Debbie Lickley's 100th career win.

The game also showed why Lickley, like all outstanding coaches, reached that plateau - she has confidence in all her players and rewards them for the hard work they put in during practice.

First Varsity Start For Curley

She let her ace pitcher, Laura Rapa, take the day off. Instead, the coach sent junior and heir apparent, Danielle Curley, to the mound. Curley didn't disappoint in her first varsity start.

She opened up a bit shaky by allowing three walks in the first inning. But, facing a two-on, one-out situation after that initial run, she struck out two straight Tigers to extricate herself from further trouble.

Curley (7 TP, 5 hits, 4 runs, 4 earned, 10 walks, 6 K's) then had a chance to sit back and watch her teammates take instant control of the game. They scored four straight first frame runs.

Kristen Patterson (1-3, 2 runs scored, 3 stolen bases) started with a single, then swiped second. Erica Pratt (2-3, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI, 2 steals) singled to left, driving in Patterson. Courtne Hyland (2-2, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI's, 2 steals) contributed a single to center. It might be noted that Patterson, Pratt, and Hyland, at presstime, all had three game hitting streaks going, compiling averages of .300, .714, and .625, respectively. Pratt came home. Then Hyland stole second and third. Jen O'Neil (2-3, 1 run scored, 1 RBI) walked. Amber Conte (0-2, 1 RBI) laid down a bunt that got Hyland a trip across the plate. Conte ended up on third where a Melissa Troie (1-3, 1 runs scored, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base) solid single to left, scored O'Neil.

Just like that, the Tigers were down 4-1. They didn't score in the second. But the Brownies put another one on the board when it was their turn. Patterson got on, courtesy of a third base error.

Then she promptly took second. That felt pretty good, so she stole third, as well. A two out line single to left off Hyland's hot bat sent Patterson home with Agawam's fifth run of the game.

South Hadley experienced a slight ray of hope in the third. After a lead-off strike out and a fly to center, Curley walked third baseman Kim Pecla. Then, she served up a fastball to sophomore Kate Gwordz. The left-fielder sent it into the left-center gap for a two run homer.

The Brownies, now leading 5-3, weren't to be outdone. They got two more in the bottom of the third. Troie walked and stole second. Sophomore rightfielder Steph Fleming (2-3, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base) singled in Troie. While South Hadley was busy throwing the ball to the plate, Fleming took third. She came home on a single by rightfielder Amy Mastroianni (1-3, 1 RBI).

The pesky Tigers refused to roll over. They got another run in the fourth. Agawam came up empty in the bottom of the inning.

No More Scoring For South Hadley

Unfortunately for South Hadley, its scoring was done. However, the Brownies had two more runs in them. Fleming singled, stole second, and came home on the catcher's overthrow into center for an unearned run. Pratt would get one more for Agawam in the sixth. Her single and a RBI single by O'Neil gave Agawam its ninth run.

After it was over, Lickley said of her 100 victory milestone, "I'd really forgotten all about it." Then she added, "The most important reason I got all those wins is because of the kids. All of them in my seven years of coaching here have been good kids who were willing to work hard. And we all got along well together."

When asked if she didn't have a little to do with the milestone, she smiled, "I really don't like talking about myself. The kids did it."

Curley, savoring her first varsity win, looked at her performance. "I just concentrated on getting the ball over the plate." Was she nervous? "Not really," she grinned. "I think being under pressure makes me pitch better."

Brownies Finally Get Rare Victory Over Westfield Baseball

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It seems every year, the Westfield High School baseball team attends the Western Mass. tournament. Case in point, they were last season's Division I champions. It's very different from the Brownie baseball fortunes - they've had trouble making the playoffs in recent seasons.

So it was particularly satisfying for the 3-1 locals last Thursday when they beat the visiting Bombers 6-4 at Harmon Smith Field.

Coach Boo Smith gave Jamie Scherban the ball for this one. The senior was up to the challenge. He went six-plus innings, gave up three hits and four runs, three of them earned. He dusted nine and walked four.

A two out walk and a subsequent balk, which was contested by the Brownies, put Bomber centerfielder Josh Smith on second in the top of the first. Then first baseman Brooke Jerue took Scherban deep to right with an off-field triple. Smith scored for the first Westfield run.

Agawam could do little in its half of the first. Scherban looked tough in the second. And the Bombers went down as well.

The Brownies went down, 1-2-3 in the bottom of the second.

A Major Threat

The Westfield half of the third saw a major threat. It also saw Scherban suck it up and shut them down. He punched out the lead-off batter, then gave up a single coupled with a stolen base, to right-fielder Mike Czekovsky, who took third on a passed ball. Scherban then walked second baseman Jason Purdy.

Purdy promptly stole second. Scherban was now facing a potential time bomb, with two Bombers in scoring position and only one out. He did the only thing he could to defuse the situation.

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Pisano (1-3, 1 run scored, 1 RBI) came up and rapped one to third that was too hot to handle. It was a hit and run. Jake had covered enough ground to make it to third. Loguidice, up for the second time in the inning, walked.

After a Malone strikeout, Scherban hit a towering fly to right that brought in Jake. Pisano then scored on a double steal that sent Loguidice to third. Pellegrino was next. He came up and rapped a single, scoring the Brownies' sixth run of the in-

ning and eight of the game.

More Of The Same In The Sixth

It was more of the same in the Agawam half of the sixth. Baldyga walked and found the plate after a towering Jacobsen triple to right-center. A Pisano fly to center sent Jake home with the final run of the game.

"That great win over Westfield wouldn't have meant much if we'd lost today," Brownie shortstop Mike Domaingue commented after it went into the books. Agawam, at this writing, was enjoying a three-game win streak.

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challenged. She rises to challenges and gets better and better because of them. I told her before the season started how many bases I wanted her to steal this year. We're not telling anyone right now what that number is. But it's a goal she's striving to reach."

Lickley added, "With the hitters we have behind her, Kristen is almost an automatic run every time she gets on and steals a base."

Because of make-up games due to the weather, this week has been a long one for the AHS girls' softball team. They were scheduled to travel to Ludlow on Tuesday. Longmeadow was coming in Wednesday, and Friday they were to host Holyoke.

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The lanky right-hander reared back and threw gas, striking out the next two hitters. He got out of the jam to the collective sighs of the Brownie faithful who were hungering for an Agawam win.

Buoyed by that bit of good fortune, Agawam scored its first run in the bottom of the inning. Second baseman Todd Jorgensen (1-2, 2 runs scored) walked. He went to second on a Mike Domalgue (2-3, 1 run scored, 2 RBI's) sacrifice bunt. A passed ball sent him to third. Jimmy Baldyga (0-2, 1 run scored, 1 RBI) lofted one to center, delivering Todd. They left the third tied at one all.

The Bombers struck paydirt again in the fourth. Scherban drilled left-fielder Ryan Wallace in the middle of the back. (He would hit three batters on the day.) Then third baseman **Jeremy Taylor** hit a triple to right that sailed over Jay Peloquin's outstretched glove. The Bombers went up 2-1 as Wallace crossed the plate. A suicide squeeze brought Taylor home.

Catcher Casey Hildreth, who laid down the bunt initiating the squeeze, ended up on first due to a Brownie throwing error. Then a lack of infield communication on a high pop put Bombers on second and third with one out. Once again, it was gut check time for Scherban. He got the next batter on a fly to right. He called on his heater to grease the next man up.

Westfield went down 1-2-3 in the fifth.

Brownie Bats Come Alive

The Brownie bats came alive in the bottom of the inning. Senior DH Mike Loguidice (0-2, 1 run scored) walked. Peloquin (1-2, 1 run scored) singled sharply to center, sending Loguidice to second. Jorgensen punched a slow roller towards first. It got by the charging first baseman and was fielded by the second baseman coming over to cover. But no one was on the base to take his throw. Agawam now had the bases full and no outs.

Domalgue drilled a single to left-center, driving in Loguidice and Peloquin, Jorgensen raced to second. Baldyga, showing a patient eye, walked.

Bomber Coach Tom Sgroi had seen enough. He called for a new pitcher. The new guy failed to impress catcher Bryan Menard, who was filling in for the injured Chris Chechile. The big guy slammed a laser beam single up the middle. It was placed well enough to score Jorgensen and Domalgue. Newman took second on the off-target throw to the plate. After Jon Jacobsen (0-2) walked, Dom Pisano (0-2, 1 RBI) came up and hit a high fly to left which scored Baldyga from third. The Brownies ended up with five runs, which had the hometown crowd feeling just fine.

An Agawam fielding error in the sixth gave Westfield another run. But it would end up being their final tally of the game.

Scherban walked the first man he faced in the top of the seventh. Smith decided to send in ace Jon Jacobsen for the mop-up job. Scherban left to the applause of the faithful. The kid, indeed, had a good day at the office.

Jake gave up a single to put men on first and second with no outs. Then he delivered a heater to Jerue. The Bomber sent a missile on a line towards third. Pisano, on pure reaction, flipped out his glove and caught it. The Westfield runners hadn't expected that turn of events. The runner on second scrambled back to the bag. But the man on first was just a little too far out on his leash. Pisano, who has a rifle for an arm, gunned down the hapless Bomber for the double play. A pop-up ended the inning and the game.

A Shining Moment For Agawam Baseball

It was a shining moment for the Agawam baseball program. Smith explained some of it. "Last year, they scored five runs on us in the first inning alone." Jacobsen, who got a save and preserved the win for Scherban, noted that it was the first time in his four years involved with Agawam baseball that they'd beaten Westfield.

AHS Girls' Lacrosse - 1996 Varsity Team



TEAM MEMBERS of the school's first girls' varsity lacrosse team. Back row, from left - Coach Cindy Grieve, Jessica Przybyla, Pam Eaton, Diane Parslow, Erin Defuria, Danielle DiDonato, Megan McHenry, Melissa Murphy, Rita Reshamwala, Leslie Kida, Michelle O'Connor, Amy Bilodeau, Wendy Hughes, and Katie Reynolds. Middle row - Missy Berry, Cheryl Lanier, Sara Drenzak, Jill Demarco, Alison Pratt, and Lindy Gage. Front row - Alison Reseigne and Gina Cincotta. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownie Golfers Off To Fast Start; Team Looks Solid For Strong Spring

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' golf team is off to a 3-1 start at this writing. They are coming off a 15-3 1995 season. Coach Paul Bachini, who has been at the team's helm for 15 years, took some time out to access the current edition he leads around the links.

He noted that he has six returnees from last year's squad. They've been competing for spots in the early season going with nine newcomers.

His number one player to date is junior **John Molta**. "John is consistent. As the temperature goes up, his score goes down. He was our number two guy last year. He watched the number one guys play throughout the season and learned from them," the coach said.

Then Bachini added, "John's drive isn't long, but it's accurate. He's solid with his iron play. He sets up his putts with his short game." In the 9 hole format adopted by high school golf, Molta is currently shooting in the 40's.

Hockey star **Trevor Brown** is in the number two spot. "He could just as well be our number one player. He's also accurate off the tee. And he's a good putter if he hits the green in regulation. When that happens, I can usually expect at least a par from him, and on occasion, a birdie," Bachini said of the junior.

Freshman **Chris Rousseau** (brother of Brownie soccer standout and basketball player, Jeff) is in the number three slot. "Chris is a solid, all-around golfer. So far this year, he's been our medalist in every match, which means he's shot the low score for the day." Bachini added, "I don't want to put a lot of pressure on Chris by sticking him in the top spot so soon. I'd rather have him watch and learn, like John (Molta) did last year."

A Pleasant Surprise

Junior **Keith Jendza** has been a pleasant sur-

prise for the coach. "He's very steady at number four. He's worked hard on his game, and it shows." He's scoring points in competition through Tuesday's 10-8 victory over Minnechaug Regional.

There has been spirited competition for the five and six spots on the team. Senior **Al Albano**, who played as high as number three last season, is in the hunt. He's being pushed by another senior, last season's hockey goalie **Derek Benton**. Senior **Jeff Atkins** also has to be considered.

"All three of those kids are steady and accurate. Jeff has to work a bit on his tee shot, though. But his game around the green is solid," Bachini said.

He noted two sophomores who've impressed, **Kyle Gendron** and lefthander **Nick Bellefleur**. "Kyle is a no nonsense player. He hits the ball, walks up to it, and hits it again. He's shooting about six over par for nine, right now. The nice thing about him is the fact that he's rarely out of a hole."

"Nick is an athlete with great potential. He has a great swing and can go as far as he wants in the game of golf," the coach said of Bellefleur.

Their home course is the Agawam Country Club. It's a course that puts a premium on accuracy. "I don't necessarily want long hitters on this team," the coach admitted. "I want kids who can keep it in play and who emphasize putting." Then he smiled, "Remember, the woods are full of balls belonging to big hitters."

To get his point across, the coach says that sometimes, in practice, they keep the woods in the bag and only use their irons. "Most holes are lost on the green, not off the tee," he noted.

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Seniors Honored At AHS Hoop Banquet



THE 1995-96 Agawam High boys' basketball teams gathered for the annual banquet recently at Ferruccio's banquet house on Main Street. IN TOP PHOTO are members of the senior class who played on the varsity - Chris Day, Joe Albano, Jeff Rousseau, and Dave Murphy. IN PHOTOT BELOW, team captain Joe Albano is pictured with Coach Mike Martin. Advertiser

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School Committee Plans Workshop On Professional Develop.

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Brendon Gallagher Finishes Season For Trinity College Hoop

Brendon Gallagher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallagher of 460 Pine Street, Feeding Hills, was a member of the basketball team at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Gallagher is a member of the Class of 1998 and is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy.

Trinity finished the 1995-96 season with a 14-8 record, the program's third winning season in a row. However, just a year after reaching the NCAA Division III Final Four, the team was not selected to post-season play.

The Bantams started out the season winning five of their first six games, but dropped their next three to move their record to 5-4. However, a seven-game winning streak brought back hopes of returning to the NCAA playoffs. Those hopes would be curtailed as the team lost their next four games before convincingly winning their last two, 85-63 over Wheaton and 86-61 over Wesleyan. At 14-8, the Bantams were bypassed by both the NCAA and ECAC tournament selection committees.

Gallagher appeared in 15 games, starting five. Gallagher averaged 5.0 points and 5.3 rebounds for the Bantams, while shooting 64 percent from the field. Gallagher had a big game on February 10th against UMass-Dartmouth, pulling down a career-high 15 rebounds in 37 minutes of action. In an 85-63 victory over Wheaton, Gallagher scored a season-high 10 points and had seven rebounds.

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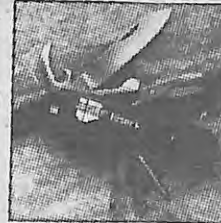
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THE MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB off Adams Street recently held their fishing derby to kickoff the spring season. In photo left, Jim & Kathy Culver try their luck; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Ian Elkins and Ernie Leithoff look on as Jonathan Edwards and Ron Quatrone show-off their catches-of-the-day. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Daggett Gold Medal Gymnasts Compete Well At Sectional Qualifying Girls' Meet

There were a number of winners at the latest Sectional Qualifying Meet for the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Girls' Team.

At all levels, valuable competition experience was won by all girls. In scoring, at Level 5, Age 7-8 age group, Abby Hazen won 2nd on Balance Beam (7.5) and Rachel Humphrey won first on Floor (8.25). In the Age 9-10 age group, Stephanie LaManna earned a solid 30.45 All-around score. In the Age 11-12 group, Whitney Quist qualified for the State Championships with a First Place victory on Bars (9.15), and a 33.0 All-around score.

At Level 6, Age 10-11, Paula Ballentine qualified for the State Championships with her All-around First Place score of 35.0, and also won First Places on Vault (8.7), Beam (9.3), and Floor (8.95). Teammate Emily Sharp helped the team cause with a Second Place score of 8.45 on Vault, and finished with All-around 30.9. In the Age 12-13 group, Rebekah Humphrey won Second Place on

Vault (8.45), and Third Places on Beam (8.15), Floor (8.3), and All-around (31.3).

The Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Girls' Team is coached by Head Coach and gym co-owner Joe Saimer, Marina Vernaya, Tina Reis, and Pat Rooney.

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Playing The Game...

Why I Believe In Fundamentals

In recent years, many players have come up with systems or farfetched theories of the golf swing. More power to them.

But I believe in basic fundamentals that have stood at the test of time. I don't think Band-Aids and gimmicks hold up in the long run.

This is why I urge people to find a professional who will teach them the proper fundamentals and then return to that teacher when they have problems. Beyond that, I do know and I firmly believe this one truth about the golf swing: You cannot correct a fault with another fault.

The golf swing is like a chain. If one link is flawed, it must be fixed, or the chain will eventually break down.

Adding another weak link isn't going to make it stronger or more reliable.

Parks Dept. Plans Info Meeting On Summer Camps

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department will host an informational meeting on Thursday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam Junior High cafeteria concerning the town's 1996 summer camps.

All parents interested in summer camps for children ages 4 and up are invited to attend. Topics to be discussed will include the integration of Camp Rainbow into the Perry Lane Summer Camp, Pre-School Camp, and the addition of a Teen Camp.

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Outdoors New England

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Outdoor Writer

Spring Has Arrived!

Well, it's official! Spring has arrived, even if it was almost a month behind (according to the calendar). Balmy, almost summer-like temperatures over the weekend, coupled with memories of the winter that would not end, produced excitement for outdoorsmen everywhere.

The opening of the Connecticut trout season brought out thousands of winter-weary anglers. The Nutmeg State did a good job of getting out a good number of six- to nine-inch trout, and some 12- to 16-inches to boot.

In keeping with a 21-year tradition, I spent the opening morning of trout season on the banks of the Scantic River in Somers. After 20 years of losing the informal three-man contest, Jim Jessop finally won. We figured that after 20 years of good-natured harassment, that we would stop putting fish repellent in Jessie's worm box when he wasn't looking.

Despite the high water conditions, most anglers were successful. The swift current and deep pools called for a little extra weight to keep our offerings bouncing along, just off the bottom.

By the time that you read this, water levels should have returned to normal springtime depths. Plain old garden worms, Berkley Power Bait, salmon eggs, and assorted spoons and spinners are all producing fish. Roostertails, Mepps, and Thomas Buoyants seem to be some of the most productive lures, according to some successful fishermen.

Western Mass. streams have been stocked for the most part and are giving up some nice fish. Powder Mill Brook and the Westfield River, along with most streams, have given up some nice trout this year.

Eat your heart out, guys.

Thirteen year-old Joseph Graveline of 46 Danny Lane, while fishing with his dad, Mike, landed a 32-inch salmon which weighed 13 pounds, 12 ounces. Joseph and his dad were fishing Otis Reservoir this last Sunday.

Young Joseph, who thoroughly outfished his father, landed the fish on six-pound line after a 15-minute fight. The salmon took a floating

Rapalla minnow size seven in silver finish.

D.A.R.E. TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

Congamond Lakes was a busy place on Saturday, as 80 boats competed in the annual Southwick D.A.R.E. tournament. First place went to the Vermette brothers. Don and Rejean Vermette, with a reported 18 pounds and eight-tenths of an ounce tally, took first place. Al and Rosemary Gagliarducci placed second with 13 pounds, four ounces.

Eighty teams competed in this annual event. It was a challenging day, as only one team recorded a limit catch. Forty-three teams weighed in fish, and there was a 100-percent live release. The largest bass of the day was a five-pound, 6½-ounce largemouth.

The team of Gazelak and Gazelak won the lunker pool with that fish. A grand total of 236 pounds of bass were weighed in, and all were carefully returned to the lake after the weigh-in.

There were no losers in this tournament, as the children in Southwick will benefit from this program.

COMING SOON TO A RIVER NEAR YOU

It's not too early to start thinking about digging through the tackle box and dusting off the shad darts. The annual run of shad will start very soon. By mid May, there should be numbers of these "Poor Man's Salmon" in both the main body and the tributaries of the Connecticut River.

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Four Teams Qualify For Championship Of Tri-Parish Bowling

Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League has concluded with Fordham (23 wins) declared as the winner. Fordham will now go into the Grand Championships against Round One winner Catholic University and Round Two winner St. Anselm. Boston College, which finished second in Round Three with 23 wins (but a lesser total team pinfall than Fordham), received a wild card berth.

Fordham and Boston College fought in the final week of Round Three for the round title. Fordham winners were CORI NAPOLITAN (311, 96.25 in Women's A) and third roller TERRY CERPOVICZ (278, 94.42 in Women's A).

BC winners were leadoff DAVE ALDRICH (267, 88.79 in Men's C) and Captain "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK, who was happy as a lark after defeating one of his chief rivals, "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER, the famous Fordham captain. "Jungle" rolled a 339 (103.58 in Men's AA) and "Jollie" hit a 329 (112.66 in Open Class, second overall in league).

Round One winner Catholic University (19½ wins) faced sixth place Notre Dame (18 wins) in the next match. It was a clean sweep for CU. Leadoff TAMMY VOGEL (259, 79.57) led the charge, followed by MARY THOMAS (295, 99.40 in Women's A), TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (319, 103.47 in Men's AA), and Captain BILL GRIFFIN, an exciting 358-354 victor over new women's champion Flo Rochford (107.63). Mr. Griffin finished the regular season at 102.48 in Men's AA.

Ninth place Holy Cross (12½ wins) and last place St. Louis (12 wins) were both saying "WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR" (like the Red Sox) after their match. HC got the better of this match with JOHN MLINEK (304, 94.44 in Men's B), SUE GRIFFIN (289, 98.18 in Women's AA), and Captain DEBBIE POIRIER (329, 106.44 in Open Class, second overall for the women) all coming out on top. Debbie defeated Men's AA champ GLEN ADAMS (318, 109.57) to finish her 1995-1996 Tri-Parish season.

The only winner for poor St. Lou was leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (266, 84.85 in Women's C).

Next on the lanes was the match between third place St. Michael (22 wins) and fourth place St. Mary (20 wins). St. Mary's won the first three matches as improving leadoff RITA SCOTT (267, 86.20 in Women's C), second roller VENETTA SNYDER (290, 91.6 in Women's A), and third roller FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (307, 97.59 in Men's A) all won.

The only winner for St. Mike's was Captain JERRY ALLEN, the overall league strongman. Jerry clobbered JOHN LONGRINI, 352-295. Jerry finished at 115.24 in the Open Class and J. Longrini was at 99.8 in Men's AA.

Round Two winner St. Anselm's (7th place in Round Three with 17 wins) was the bye team in the final week of the regular season. The scores are as follows: LOU NAPOLITAN (319), DORIS FORTIER (284), YVONNE CHARTIER (299), and substitute anchorman "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA (302).

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Kopec Continues Torrid String Of Victories At Riverside Speedway

Yet, it's finally in the record books... After two weeks of rain, Riverside Park Speedway completed another NASCAR Winston racing series event on Saturday, April 20th. And for **Chris Kopec**, it was simply an amazing night, as he made it three Modified victories in a row—a "hat trick"—two years in a row at the park.

A crowd of 4,219 witnessed 147 cars compete in four feature events sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts Stores and Budweiser. After Kopec turned in a fast time, a lucky draw gave him the pole in the Modified four-type feature.

However, before the first lap was completed in this division, there were four restarts with two major cautions. Dan Avery and Ted Riggott got locked together, and Richie Gallup, Eric LeClair, Dave Gallo, Tim Derion, and Jim Houghton were involved in this tie-up. As the field went back to green, Brian Schofield had his throttle hang up.

Finally, the feature settled in as Chris Kopec pulled away from Ed Spiers. By lap 20, Tony Papale became the star of the event, coming from the 11th spot, just as Dave Berube was charging to the front. Meanwhile, Reggie Ruggiero was still battling with Richard Savary and Fran Principi.

Two more cautions matched Tony Papale with Kopec, but Kopec was the ultimate winner in the Clean Sweep Pontiac. Following Kopec at the checker was Dave Berube (New England Equipment) for second, Reggie Ruggiero (Ed & Joyce Oles) for third, Tony Papale (TETO/Kurowski Ins.) in fourth, and Richard Savary (C&W Horse Trans.) in fifth.

Sixth through 10th in the Modifieds were Fran Principi, Ed Spiers, Tom Jensen, Renee Dupuis, and Jim Houghton.

"The car was dialed in; it's the last time we start up front. Still, this is a major accomplishment... three wins in a row for two straight years!" stated the happy and proud Kopec.

This coming week, it's a run from the back for the Clean Sweep crew.

Ed Carroll, Jr. led the Pro Stock feature until lap 32, as he drove a great race on the outside to perfection. But with the skill of a pro, **Tom Fearn** took advantage of the groove to move into the lead; in the end, this gave Fearn a well-earned victory and forced Carroll to settle for second place.

Coming in third for this race was Tom Carey, Jr. followed by Barry Gray (another strong runner) and early challenger Jeff Connors. Rounding out the top 10 were Jeff Horn, Eddy Carroll, Scott

Bouley, Rich Vasseur, and Les Hinckley. "Ed Carroll gave me a real good run. Fact is, I am tired; I just saw the chance and took it," said Fearn.

Glen Griswold became the first repeat winner in the Late Models.

At the beginning of the race, it was the young and talented Todd Owen who took the lead, but he was eventually no match for Griswold, who then put his NAPA-sponsored car into the lead and never gave it up all the way to the checker.

Following Griswold at the checker were Todd Owen, Chris Wenzel, Wayne Coury, and Gee Perry. Sixth through 10th in this division were Ted Chalmers, Joe Czarnecki, Rob Valerio, Bob Ermark, and Ernie Tarca.

"It's the new 'rear end' that made the difference," said the talented Glen Griswold after his second win.

The Strictly Stock feature ended as the leader, Derek McLellan, spun at the checker. Driving the race of his life, McLellan led every lap but the last one.

At the checker, **Ed Charette** was the victor over Herb Carlon, Derek McLellan, Tony Kelty, and Pat Townsend. Rounding out the top 10 for the Strictly Stocks were Keith Miller, Todd Melvezzi, Scott Neleber, Joe Kokoska, and Jonathan Yourga.

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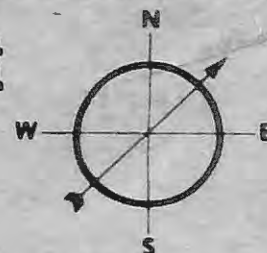
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